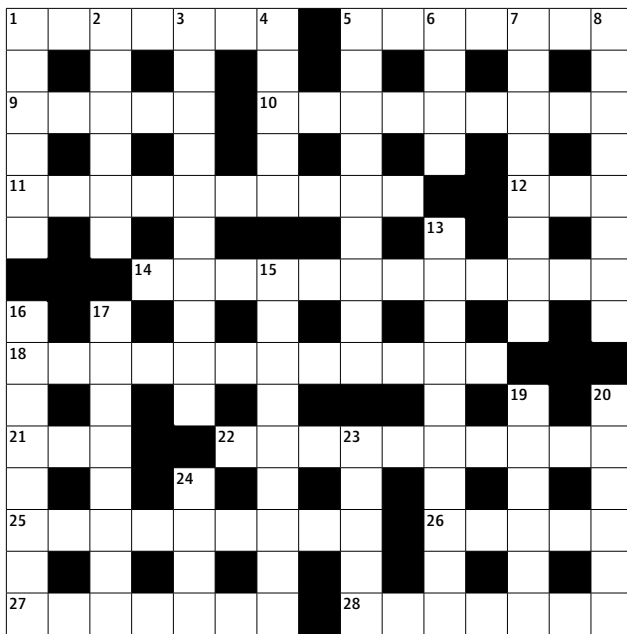


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,153 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Sugar, perhaps, needing part, say, for complete payment (4,3)
 5 Gold, auric edges in pen containing a metalloid (7)
 9 Groups of bones in this ratio passed to the left (5)
 10 Lower seams burst as tight on both sides of tanga (9)
 11 Scot, a head welcoming lecturer in religious education (10)
 12 Relish decline (3)
 14 David was his second outstanding challenge, I suspect (12)
 18 Deliver position that's autonomous (4-8)
 21 Weed in pool (3)
 22 Wood given pen to outline role of someone directly involved (5-5)
 25 Downtrodden thing in the way, a solver (9)
 26 Capital given stick by artist (5)
 27 Unseeing as a 25-letter alphabet, did you say? (7)
 28 Eventual consumer always touring state in Midwest America (3-4)

Down

- 1 Possibly toxic sanction well short (6)
 2 Solver left a bit (6)
 3 Tell tales about duke on starter of tempura being least fat (10)
 4 Solver, member of secret society (5)

- 5 Like a rabbit, say, albeit modified in corporeal form (9)
 6 Piffle on a list (4)
 7 Solver a shade upset about Paul, ultimately, as writer (8)
 8 Best solver embodying Holmes, initially (8)
 13 Eliciting a yawn perhaps as beginning to nod, rip undies off (10)
 15 Last of money on account invested in reminder to put on his evacuated bloomers (9)
 16 It suggests I step on virgin snow (3-5)
 17 In general, violin required for solver (8)
 19 Ending in ignorance, solver finds god in the dark (6)
 20 Conclusion of narrative in unfolding story, a world of possibilities? (6)
 23 Solver as pack member (5)
 24 Copy walls in southern part of church (4)

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