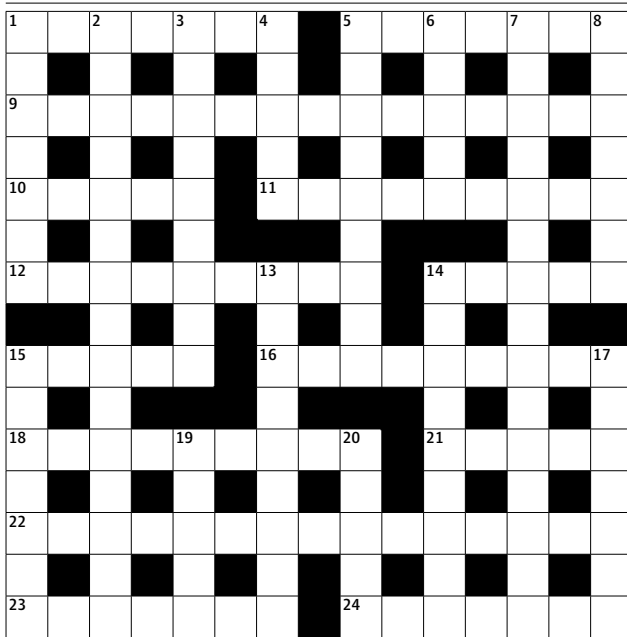


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Unfortunate way of spelling "speshal" (7)
- 5 Queen and stoic with unending prejudice (7)
- 9 Distribute grand brandies to one that carries some? (5,7,3)
- 10 With US lawyer about, sign for English play (5)
- 11 Carp's residence in difficulties (4,5)
- 12 Queen cat holding one page for the Sun (9)
- 14 Father keeps intermediary that eats shoots and leaves (5)
- 15 Bitter start to a cry from the heart (5)
- 16 Live outside right the same as live outside left? Not likely to last (9)
- 18 Queen with sacred thanksgiving keeping one very quiet (9)
- 21 Historian of the West in flower (5)
- 22 Displacement of animal organ: is it possible? (15)
- 23 Desert state's currency in order? (7)
- 24 Fury makes us make a statement about some people (7)

Down

- 1 Ultra-orthodox head of college has a lot of stupidity to start with (7)
- 2 One's own loo in which to return paper used (7,8)
- 3 Unable to escape from The Sound of Music? (9)
- 4 Gamble with broom? (5)
- 5 Queen, last one to go up with old aircraft (9)
- 6 Function of the man or the woman at the top? (5)
- 7 Supposed force in eastern front covered by flashy stuff causing cricket problem (8,7)
- 8 Girl golfers' place on first of month? (7)
- 13 Bill with close to musical for basic pets (5,4)
- 14 Fire iron to confront what's kept straight (5,4)
- 15 A bogus journalist wishing he hadn't done it? (7)
- 17 Queen (English) to depend on gold (7)
- 19 Express view of piece with four sharps (5)
- 20 Soul of American imagery (5)

Solution No. 25,787

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