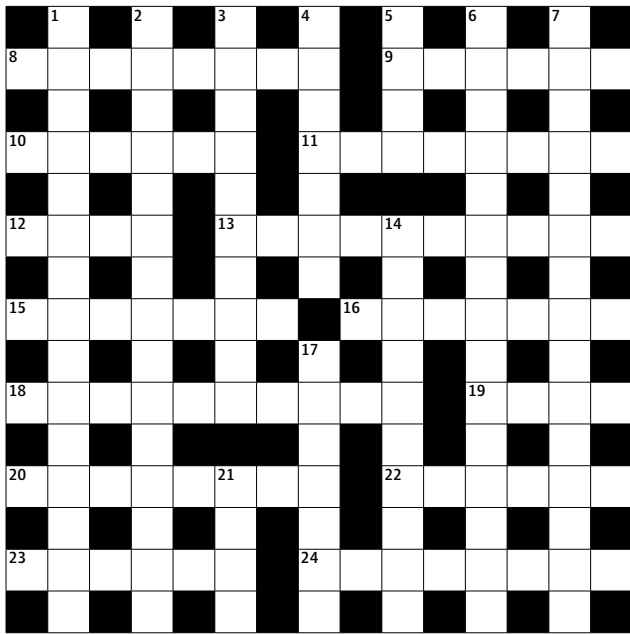


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Solutions to 1, 2 and 6 are (perhaps apocryphally) 7 of a kind. None of the four is further defined.

Across

- 8** Fragments tire 5 out (8)
9 Hallucinatory endeavour to keep one very quiet (6)
10 A Roman character embracing Greek one in street (6)
11 Dependable left-wing sort of university? (8)
12 Take notice of shop's stocktaking (4)
13 Pig gobbling wood and brass, maybe, from adjustable aperture (4,6)
15 Photographer of fish (7)
16 Artist's little image: Fool With Nothing On (7)
18 Returns south in reversion to type (6,4)
19 Send message that's offensive about 10 (4)
20 One pound return on ship with energy-free fuel – that's heavenly! (8)
22 Kindness to a 5 in 4 (6)
23 Jar containing new unpleasant smell that's yet to come (6)

- 24** Garlanded United, nursing broken heart (8)

Down

- 1** Folios under threat? (6,2,3,4)
2 Not starting 20 spooof? (5,4,2,4)
3 Skinhead, as one leaves the hairdresser's, lacking emphasis (10)
4 Garments adopted by dry emperor's champion (7)
5 Virile character's incomplete investigation (4)
6 Rang Tim? (7,8)
7 One having nooky with copper in river, all wearing glasses (8,7)
14 Supposing setter enters beaten and boozy? (10)
17 Chicks holding down place of execution (7)
21 Typeface in which to acquire a name? (4)

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