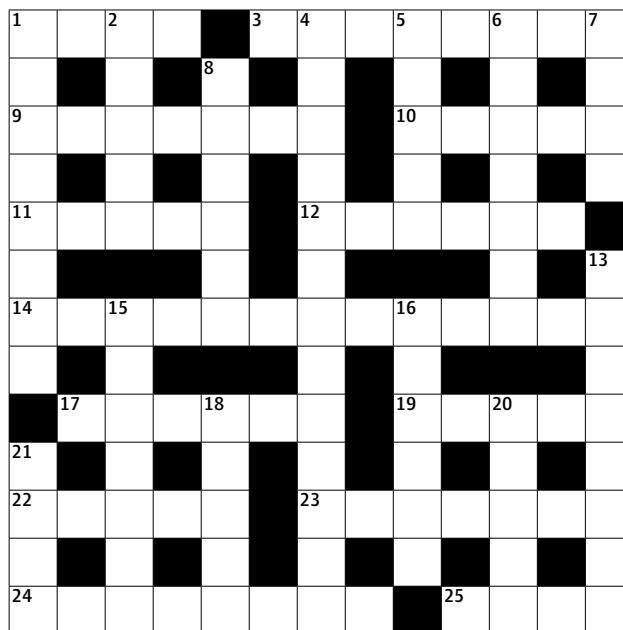


## Quick crossword no 12,453



### Across

- 1 Party – whack (4)
- 3 Pre-nosh tipple? (8)
- 9 Measure of land (7)
- 10 Tripoli's country (5)
- 11 Alcoholic (5)
- 12 Cut into (6)
- 14 Gambling system (8,5)
- 17 Measuring system (6)
- 19 Owing feudal allegiance (5)
- 22 Tree seed (5)
- 23 Schnozzle surgery (4,3)
- 24 Pin, popper or zip, perhaps (8)
- 25 Funeral fire (4)

- 16 Language (linked to spitting?) (6)
- 18 Distance between weapon and target (5)
- 20 Relish (5)
- 21 Vulgar (4)

### Down

- 1 Conclusion of countdown? (8)
- 2 Sticky stuff (5)
- 4 Justifiable departure from the conventional (6,7)
- 5 Bit of a saint, perhaps (5)
- 6 Hot pepper sauce (7)
- 7 Blue flowering plant cultivated for its seeds and fibre (4)
- 8 Capital of Croatia (6)
- 13 Put together (8)
- 15 Taxing (7)

### Solution no 12,452

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