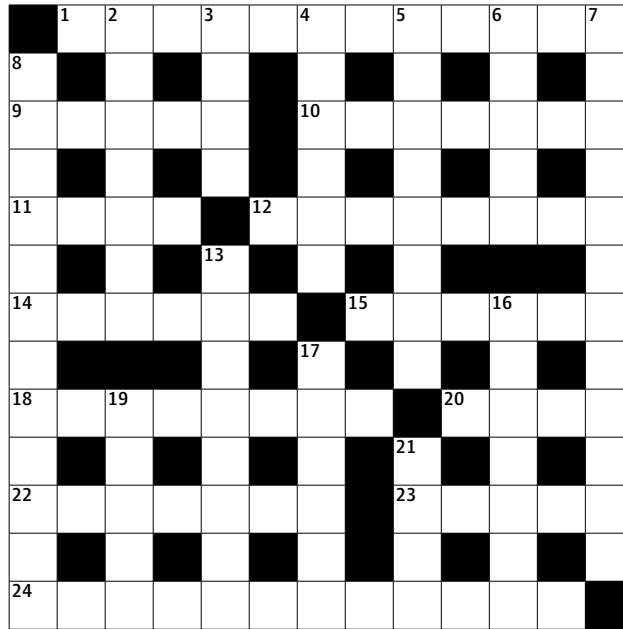


Quick crossword no 12,605



Across

- 1 Specialist reporter (12)
- 9 Plant with small drooping pale yellow flowers (5)
- 10 Part of a bird's stomach (7)
- 11 Ballet skirt (4)
- 12 "Till death do us part" arrangement (8)
- 14 North American country (6)
- 15 Toy (with strings attached?) (6)
- 18 Late 5th century to around AD 1000? (4,4)
- 20 Rip – eye moisture (4)
- 22 Warm and friendly (7)
- 23 Sphere of action (5)
- 24 Establish as valid (12)

16 Offer (7)

- 17 Material used by builders and dentists (6)
- 19 Repair – renew (5)
- 21 Cosmetic powder (4)

Down

- 2 Government levy on all adults (4,3)
- 3 Spellbound (4)
- 4 Aligns (anag) (6)
- 5 Style of hairdo (5,3)
- 6 Women's head ornament (5)
- 7 Memorably important occasion (3-6,3)
- 8 Play featuring actors in dress of a bygone era (7,5)
- 13 In which X=8 and Z=10 (8)

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