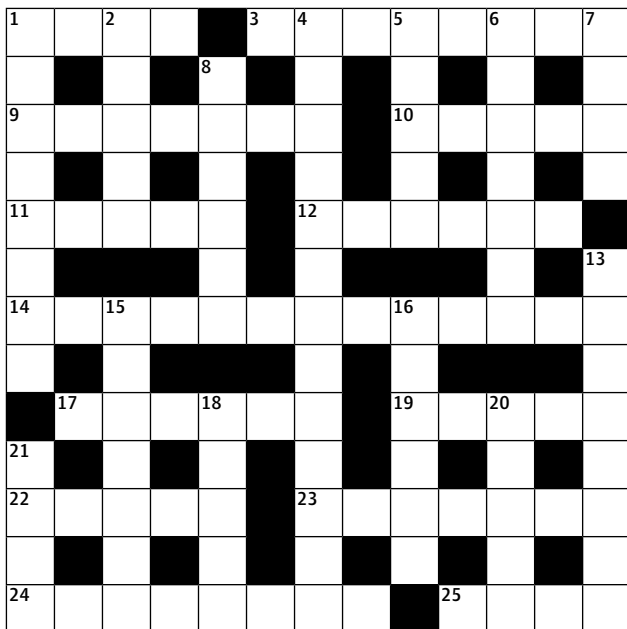


QUICK CROSSWORD No 12,687



Across

- 1 Move from side to side (4)
- 3 Scatter in all directions (8)
- 9 Without delay – short time (7)
- 10 Hobbling more (5)
- 11 Choose (5)
- 12 Parent (anag) (6)
- 14 Equestrian competition (5-3,5)
- 17 Hanging spike of frozen water (6)
- 19 Alcoholic drink (5)
- 22 Supple (5)
- 23 Herb related to marjoram (7)
- 24 Mineral after which a range of Italian Alps is named (8)
- 25 Surface hollow (4)

Down

- 1 Dagger with tapered blade (8)
- 2 Passageway (5)
- 4 Sharing similar problems (2,3,4,4)
- 5 Aviator (5)
- 6 Run wild (7)

- 7 Official name of the Irish Republic, 1937-49 (4)
- 8 Child's toy (6)
- 13 Begin a journey (5,3)
- 15 Concert performed by a solo musician (7)
- 16 Surpass (6)
- 18 Best – ointment (5)
- 20 First English captain to sail round the world (5)
- 21 Tramp along (4)

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