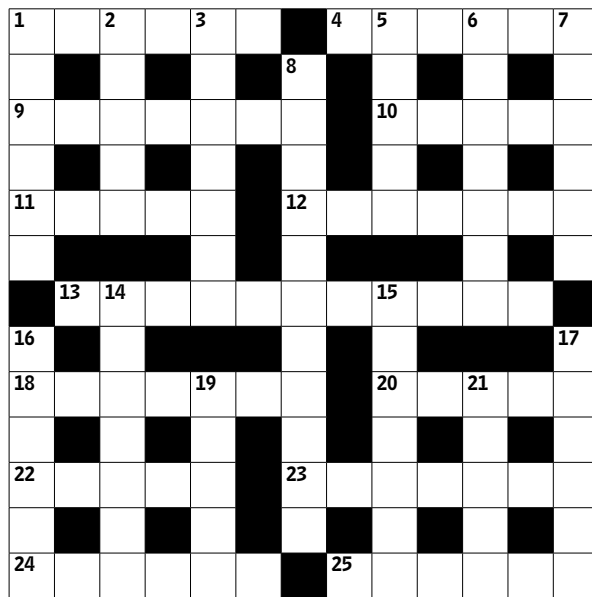


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1/4 'Squirearchy'? (6,6)

9 Grotesque (7)

10 Ancient African region absorbed into S Egypt (5)

11 Leans to the side (5)

12 Red tint? (anagram) (7)

13 Be on the wrong end of a tirade (3,2,6)

18 Religious outcast (7)

20 Break like a glass or cup (5)

22 German town, the capital of the northern empire in Roman times (5)

23 Blissful state (Hindu or Buddhist) (7)

24 Hopeless (2,4)

25 Insignia (6)

2 Derogatory term for those with extreme racist or authoritarian views (5)

3 Landmass extending from Cape Roca in the west to Cape Dezhnev in the east (7)

5 Boredom; weariness (5)

6 Diorama (7)

7 Restless and turbulent (6)

8 Describe the background to a story, event, etc (3,3,5)

14 Stud, perhaps, or a drop? (7)

15 Raised platform (7)

16/17 Anything that makes one feel encouraged (4,2,3,3)

19 Body, minus its head and limbs (5)

21 Take advantage (5)

DOWN

1 Appends a category to something or someone (6)