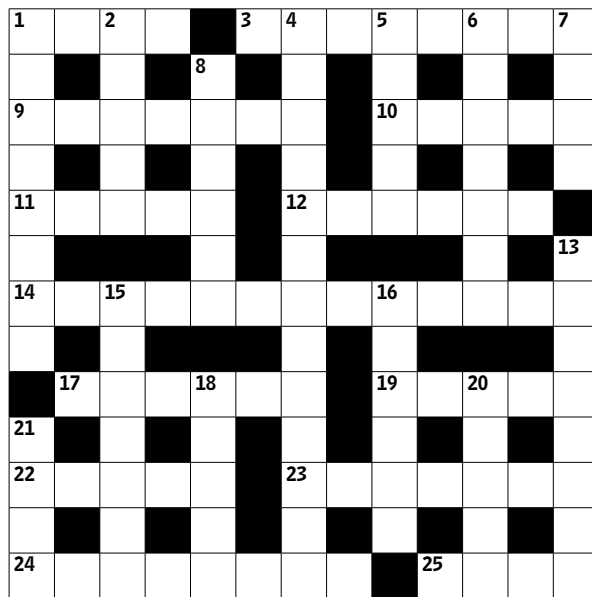


## SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 870



### SOLUTION NO. 869

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### ACROSS

- 1 Inflammation around the eye (4)
- 3 Precise, correct (8)
- 9 Firedog (7)
- 10 Excessive (5)
- 11 Criminal (5)
- 12 Use (6)
- 14 Exist precariously (4,2,3,4)
- 17 Trifles (6)
- 19 Hobo (5)
- 22 Damp (5)
- 23 Picture mentally (7)
- 24 Be on good terms (3,5)
- 25 Dam (4)

### DOWN

- 1 Gibbet (8)
- 2 Alpine song (5)
- 4 Complete attention (13)
- 5 Seize, take over (5)
- 6 Humanoid robot (7)
- 7 Water jug (4)
- 8 Without delay (6)
- 13 366, not 365 days (4,4)
- 15 Legal finding (7)
- 16 Sundries (6)
- 18 Critical; life-sustaining (5)
- 20 Confidential remark (5)
- 21 Self-satisfied (4)