SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 874



- **ACROSS 1** Expressing ridicule, contempt, maybe irony (9)
- 8 Praise enthusiastically (5)
- Long-distance lorry driver (7)
- 10 Relation? (anagram) (8)
- Ornamental ladies' bag for small articles (4)
- Sample (6)
- Except when (6)
- 16 German river (4)
- Flop (4,4)
- Difficult to catch or see (7)
- Parody (5)
- 21 Polynesian types (9)

DOWN

- Small thin sharp bit of wood, glass or metal (8)
- 2 Ceremonial (6)
- Adjoin (4)
- Rise in order to make a speech or motion (4,3,5)
- Handles a situation successfully (7,2,3)
- Unfair, cheating (5,3,4)
- As a first impression (2,5,5)
- Investigation of the component parts which make up the whole (8)
- 15 Judge's chamber (6)
- General meaning (4)