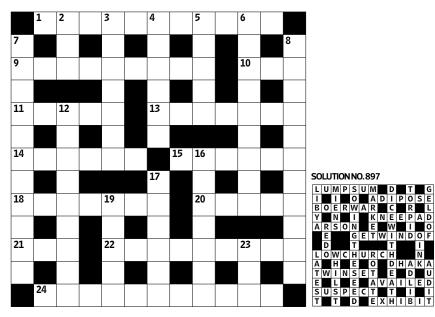
SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 898



ACROSS

- **1** Stuffed full (5–1–5)
- 9 Lucky charm (9)
- **10** Drowned river valley now an inlet of the sea (3)
- 11 Yangtze river port of 6 million people (5)
- **13** Monk, elf? (anag) (7)
- **14** Premier English composer at the court of Henry VIII (6)
- **15** Get one's hands on (6)
- **18** Spanish painter, nicknamed for his place of birth (2,5)
- **20** Type of cannon in billiards (2–3)
- 21 --- Khan, spiritual head of Ismaili Muslims (3)
- **22** Sacking (9)
- 24 Make a gesture of support for country, cause,

etc (4,3,4)

DOWN

- 2 The other woman? (3)
- 3 Indian city, formerly Madras (7)
- **4** In (2,4)
- **5** Period in bed longer than usual (3–2)
- **6** Dark diamond used in industry for drilling and polishing (9)
- 7 Chats in a leisurely way (5,3,3)
- 8 Ordinary members of an organisation (4,3,4)
- **12** Handwritten book or document (9)
- **16** Court official (7)
- **17** Russian or Polish soup usually containing beet juice (6)
- **19** Give qualities or abilities to (5)
- 23 70% of the earth's surface (3)