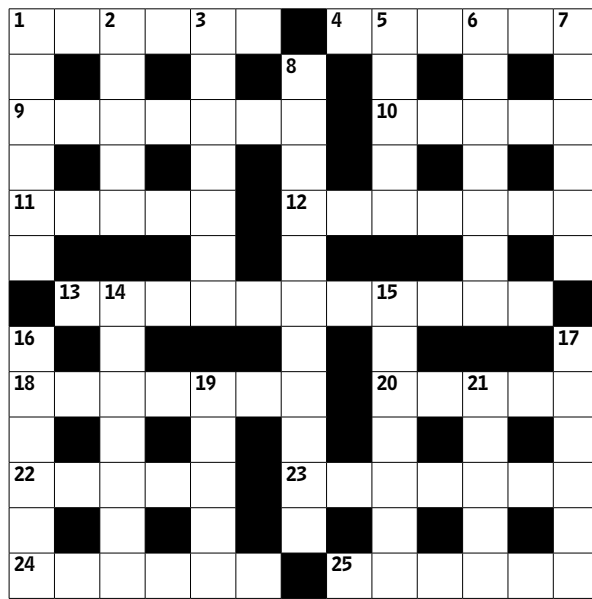


SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 923



SOLUTION NO. 922



ACROSS

- 1 Amuse (6)
- 4 All of one's assets and liabilities (6)
- 9 Ancient Spanish city; classical guitarist (7)
- 10 Chopper blade (5)
- 11 Ralph ----- Emerson, US poet and essayist (5)
- 12 Vast (7)
- 13 Saying or doing something without authority or instruction (6,5)
- 18 Chair or car seat part (7)
- 20 Green part that forms a flower's calyx (5)
- 22 Stomach exercise (3,2)
- 23 Improve, enhance (7)
- 24 Poor quality, coarse powerful whiskey (3-3)
- 25 Stick in one's craw (6)

DOWN

- 1 Renounce (6)
- 2 Wake (5)
- 3 Italian dish (1) (7)
- 5 What 9 may do to the strings to make a chord (5)
- 6 ----- Dvorak, Bohemian composer (7)
- 7 Deserved (6)
- 8 Bringing a matter to resolution through discussion or argument (6,2,3)
- 14 Confined (7)
- 15 Italian dish (2) (7)
- 16 Nautical rope or cable (6)
- 17 Assert without proof (6)
- 19 Evacuate (5)
- 21 Mischievous act done for fun and amusement (5)