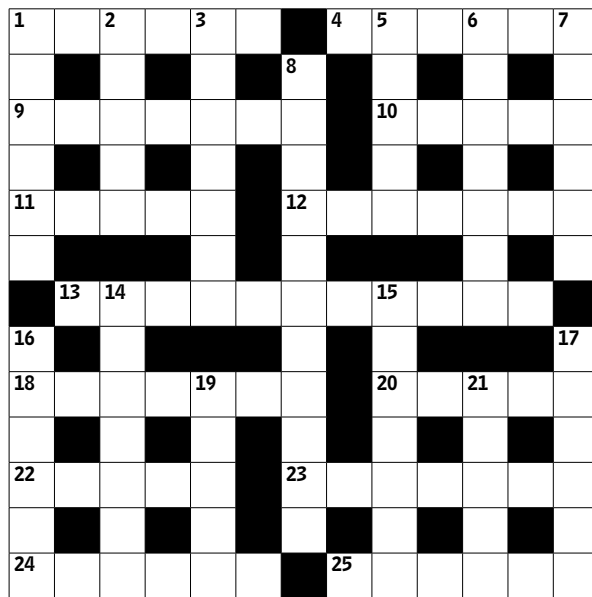


SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 968



SOLUTION NO. 967



ACROSS

- 1 Go pale (6)
- 4 American tap (6)
- 9 Et cetera (3,2,2)
- 10 Angry (5)
- 11 Lissom, supple (5)
- 12 Retribution (7)
- 13 Overcome initial social awkwardness (5,3,3)
- 18 Beg (7)
- 20 Japanese verse form (5)
- 22 Tree akin to the birch (5)
- 23 Cradle song (7)
- 24 Irritate (6)
- 25 Detain in custody (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hunting dog (6)
- 2 Examine accounts (5)
- 3 Infectious disease (7)
- 5 Maxim, aphorism (5)
- 6 Time-honoured (7)
- 7 Belief in a god (6)
- 8 Succinctly (2,1,8)
- 14 Remainder (7)
- 15 Rank, level (7)
- 16 Procure (6)
- 17 Pilgrim's Progress author (6)
- 19 Register (5)
- 21 Foolish (5)