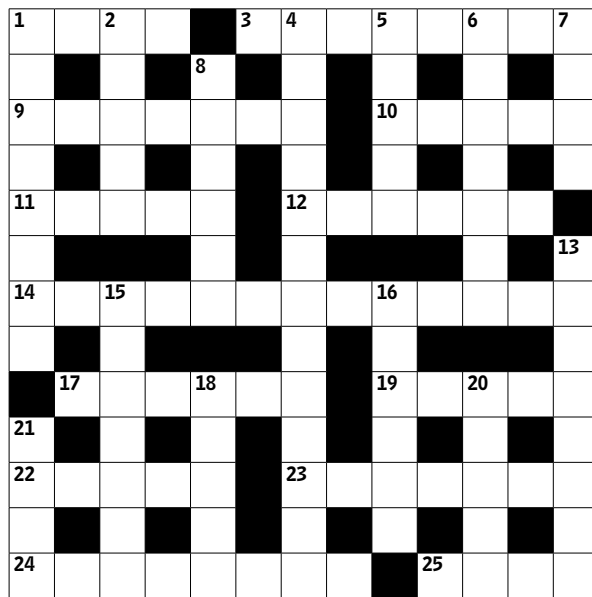


SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 969



SOLUTION NO. 968



ACROSS

- 1 Imitate (4)
- 3 Ship's drainage (8)
- 9 Dishevelled (7)
- 10 Smile scornfully (5)
- 11 Coronet (5)
- 12 Character (6)
- 14 One who resists change (5-2-3-3)
- 17 Bordeaux wine (6)
- 19 Grieve (5)
- 22 Islamic holy city (5)
- 23 Apathy (7)
- 24 Make the best of (8)
- 25 Impel (4)

DOWN

- 1 Good manners (8)
- 2 Genuine (5)
- 4 Lash (3-1-4-5)
- 5 Propose (5)
- 6 Witticism (7)
- 7 Rice wine (4)
- 8 Start (6)
- 13 Toothless (8)
- 15 Unlawful (7)
- 16 Restrict, hinder (6)
- 18 Kingdom (5)
- 20 Downright (5)
- 21 Pulpit (4)