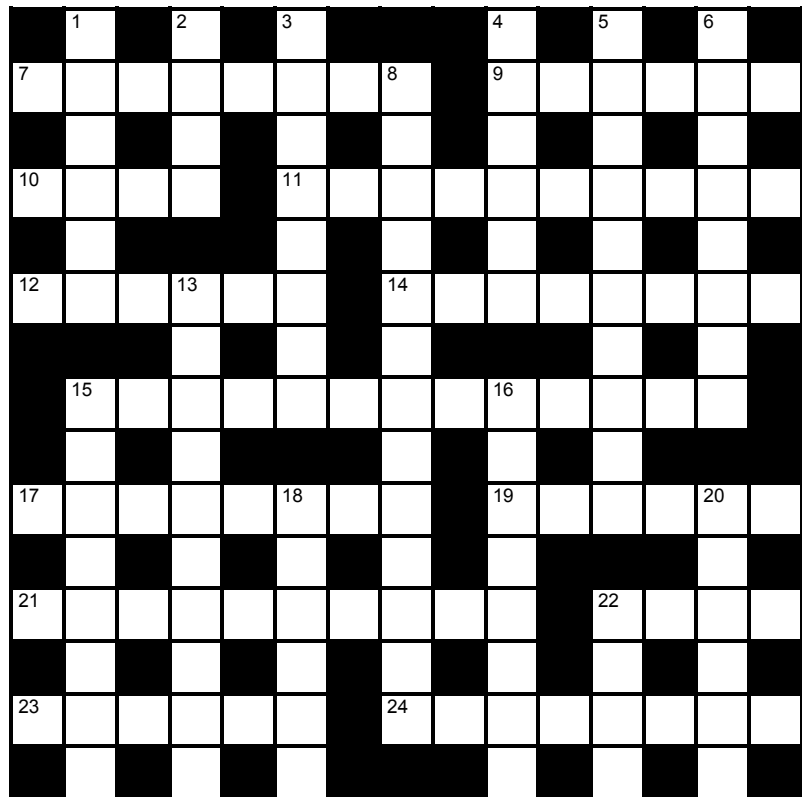


**Across**

- 7 Support team, despite being bottom (8)
- 9 Matches fantastic squeals (6)
- 10 Copper found in blue-chip lodestone (4)
- 11 Stop taking men to the cleaners! (10)
- 12 A short synopsis, in newspaper cuttings (6)
- 14 Titled fellow, who's drunk a lot (4,4)
- 15 It's used if there's a bit of a wind-up (8,5)



- 17 Remarkable French one gets green (8)
- 19 Reply you are looking for (6)
- 21 Old car, good inside, though altogether appears like a wreck (10)
- 22 It's mostly made of keratin and can be found in a beetle (4)
- 23 A buck, got in U.S. city prison (6)
- 24 Ill-humour? (4,4)

**Down**

- 1 Hit the booze (6)
- 2 Slip round in 7 (4)
- 3 Turns up Radio Four, initially and get recreational aid (8)
- 4 Ma left out demerara from the mixture but it's still more desired (6)
- 5 Turn Argus Press informer (10)
- 6 Wise to have no absenteeism (3,5)
- 8 Enter spree run, to represent businessmen (13)
- 13 Can be judged as fair (10)
- 15 Meals, questionably bad but not oily (8)
- 16 Small fish, big fruit (8)
- 18 Vision it takes Emir ages to reveal (6)
- 20 "I've found it", said the old scientist in California (6)
- 22 Pilgrim needs help with a jigsaw piece (4)