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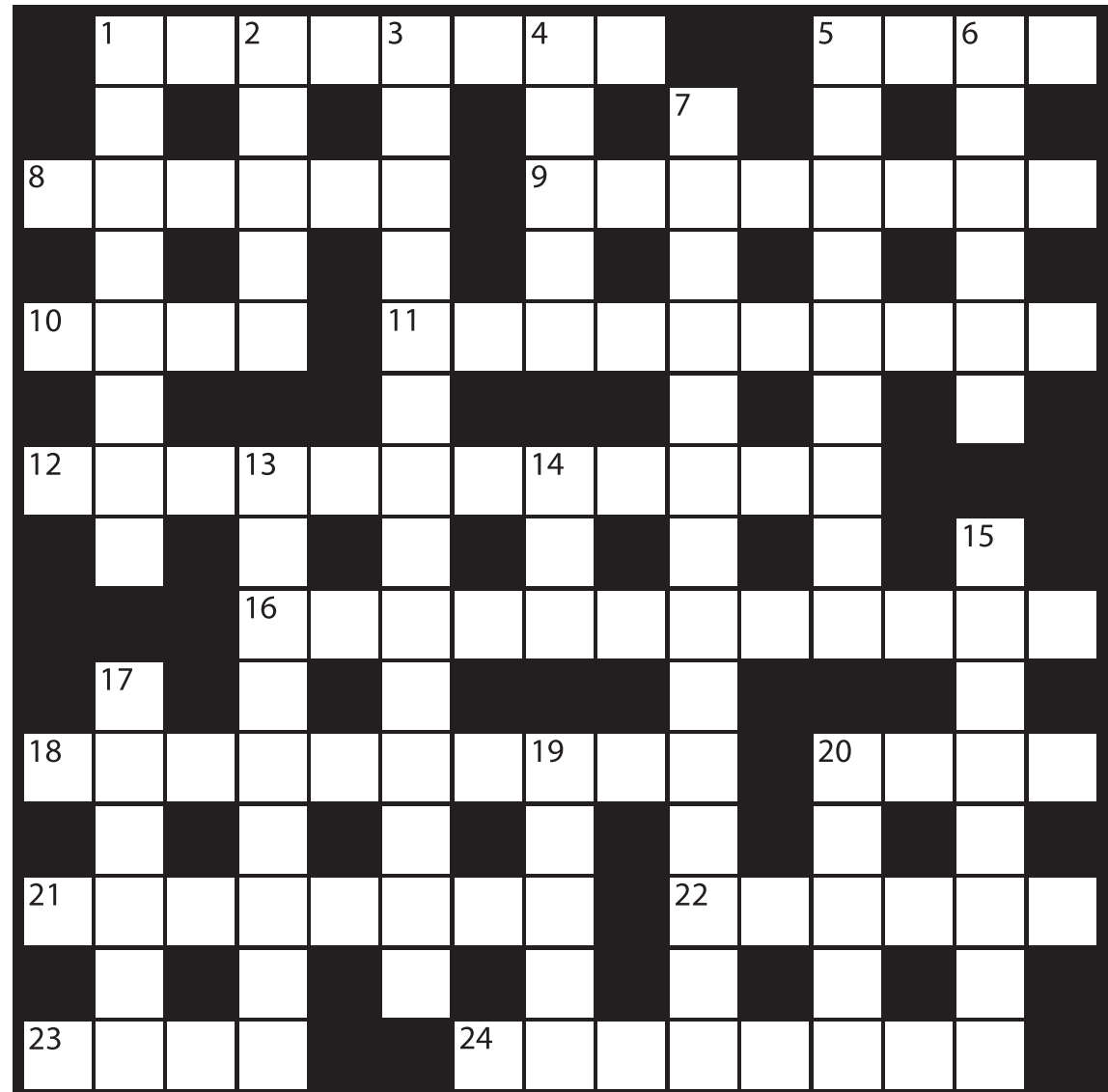
- 1 Overseas mission distributing a hot meal (3,5)
 5 Family heading to LA to visit prison there? (4)
 8 Tyneside sailor necks cold, delicious drink (6)
 9 Idle hubby-to-be worried about union ultimately (8)
 10 Listening device found by Liberal aristocrat (4)
 11 Dancing a disco once brought on (10)
 12 Homely doctor to date medics (12)
 16 Before speech, the French concealed bias (12)
 18 Selfie-addict and crass nits I slammed (10)
 20 Defrauded academic to meet police finally (4)
 21 Fugitives with vacant eyes limit drugs close to docks (8)
 22 Clothes regularly collected by lad in Highland attire (6)
 23 Hollow lair next to mouth of tributary (4)
 24 Singer embarrassed (sharp on song's intro) (8)

DOWN

- 1 Article on comic working to attain sobriety? (3,5)
 2 Old group from Australia should get praise (5)
 3 Prince Charles feels this old or broken! (4,2,3,5)
 4 Problem climbing peaks of icy cretaceous rock? (5)
 5 Army group rising to support fast jet treaty (9)
 6 Stirring song by soldier at The Fringe? (6)
 7 Up the ante as Van Helsing might do over vamps? (5,3,6)
 13 Hopeful for Labour in the future? (9)
 14 Revolutionary cut down by one Oriental force (3)

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- 15 Gloomy private hit by depression at front (8)
 17 Scottish girl with a rescue dog? (6)
 19 Litter problem (5)
 20 Greek character some model tantalised (5)