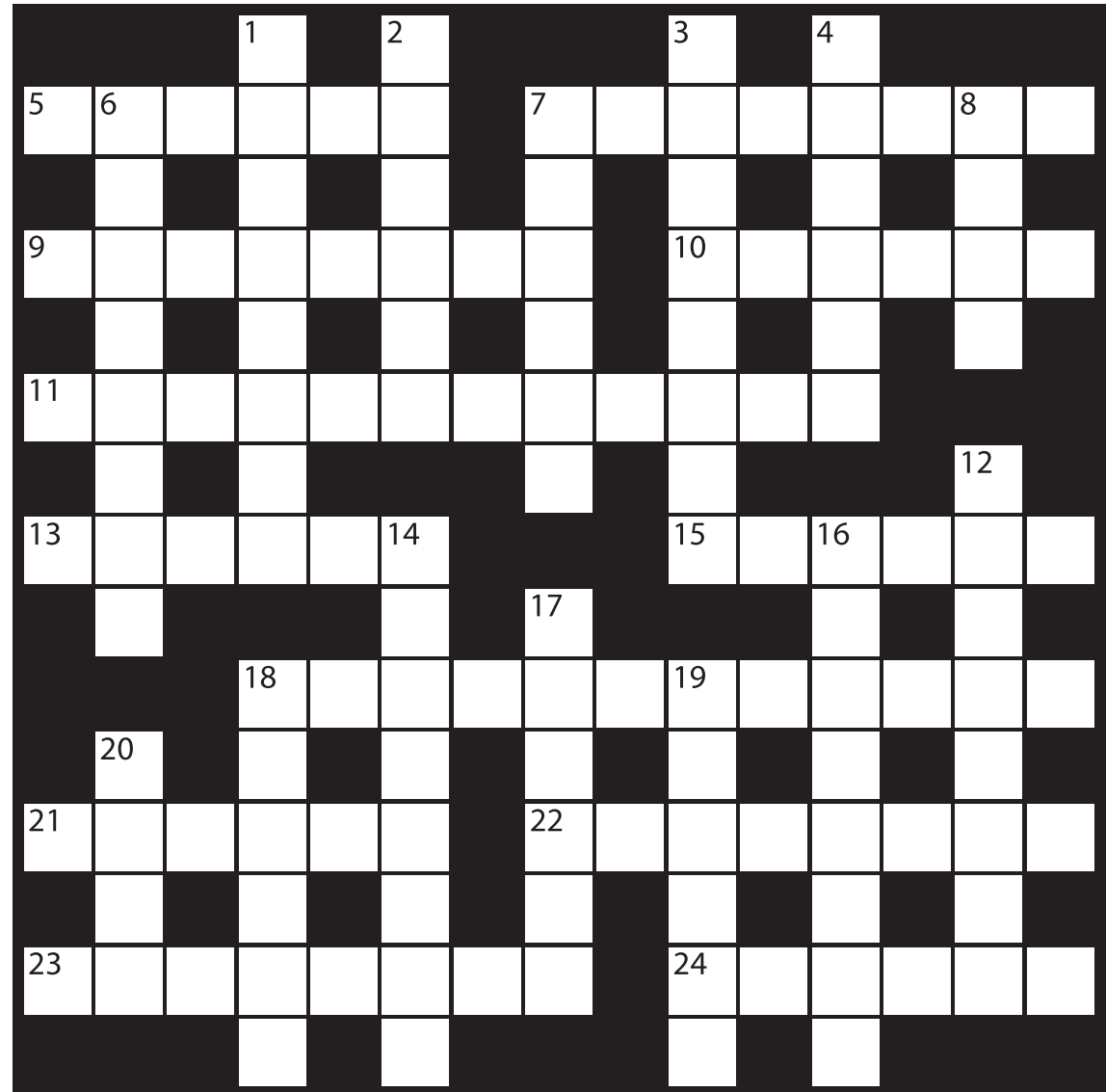


**ACROSS**

- 5 Caught in drug lie, rehabilitator is less attractive (6)
- 7 Sneaky and coy about drink with officer (8)
- 9 Older relative of retreating soldiers to carry (8)
- 10 Subdue fellow in steps (6)
- 11 Going easily, yet having trouble on flat ground (5,7)
- 13 Target popular wine (6)
- 15 Nun is shady abandoning home (6)
- 18 Insights from awfully unfit periods (12)
- 21 Second-rate agent American turned great (6)
- 22 Soundness from limb boxer starts to teach youth (8)
- 23 Horribly ill, mangy stray (8)
- 24 Some star teetotal (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Arranged fee limit for vital period (8)
- 2 Types of soldiers involved in plots (6)
- 3 Creatures, insects around wine (8)
- 4 Female working without leader is going fast (6)
- 6 Good writer of children's books showing hostility (8)
- 7 Dirty route, one covered in turf (6)
- 8 Hamish's opening worn-out clasp (4)
- 12 Rat disturbed rest amongst hoofed animals (8)
- 14 Sound covering heart of frog with doctor's instrument (8)
- 16 Making clear home for animal on heather (8)



- 17 Wicked man pinching piglets regularly (6)
- 18 Lean to catch small rising bird (6)
- 19 Consider excavation with spades in outskirts of Egypt (6)
- 20 Fish aunt cooked (4)