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1 Money paid to free a hostage (6)
5 Dirty (6)
8 Author not known (4)
9 Portable computer (8)
10 Substance that turns litmus paper blue (6)
11 One sixtieth of an hour (6)
12 Desist (4)
14 'Dutch disease' tree (3)
15 Lie in wait (4)
16 Ethnic groups (6)
18 Prison resident (6)
20 Take part in an aquatic sport (5-3)
22 Appear (4)
23 Make fun of (4,2)
24 Sentenced to eternal punishment (6)

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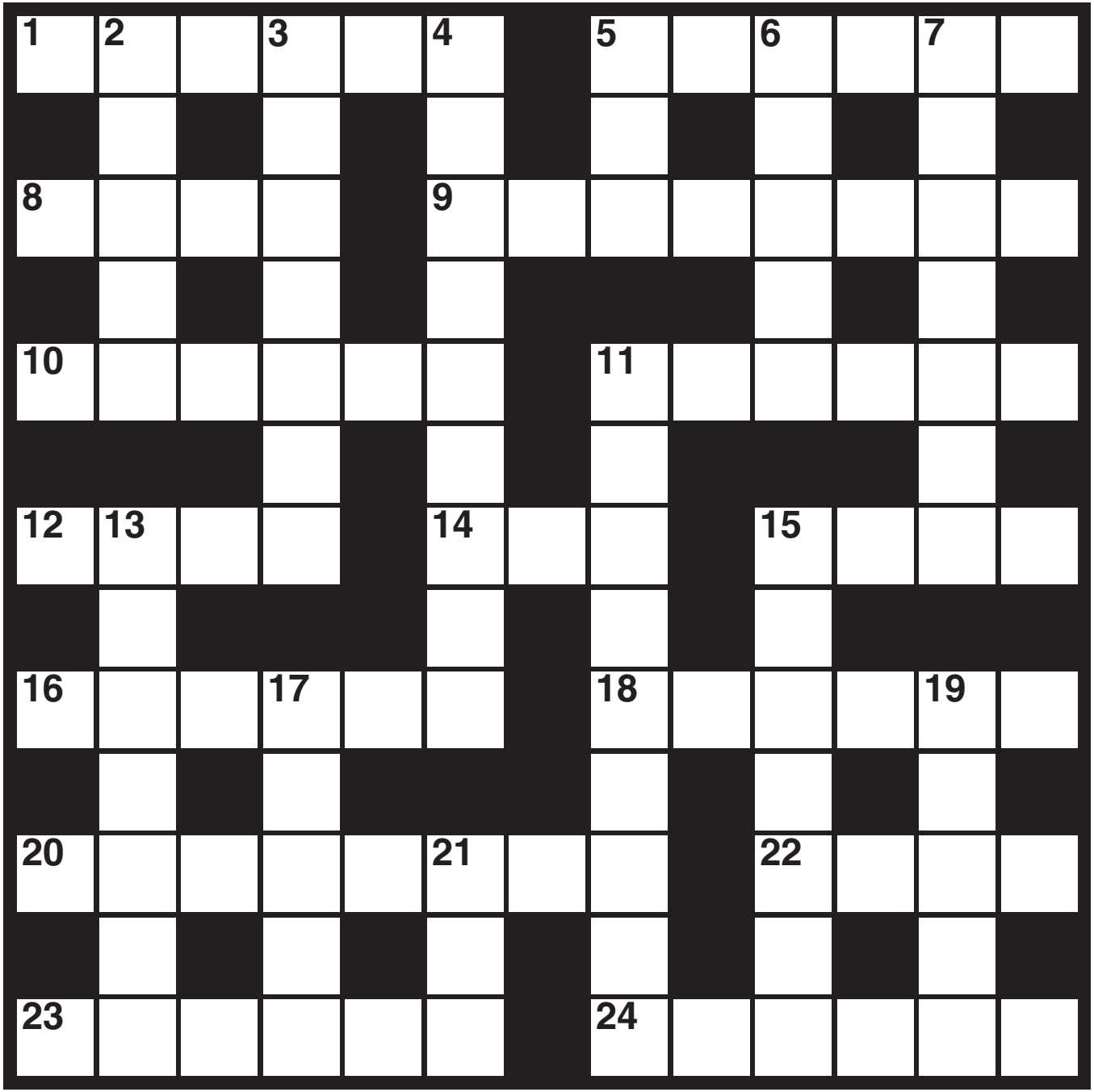
2 Make void (5)
3 Device for artificial tanning (7)
4 Qualities of an adult male (9)
5 Acquired (3)
6 Of a town (5)
7 Partially dried smoked herring (7)
11 Embalmed (9)
13 Paved area (7)
15 Large cash payment (4,3)
17 Genetic strain (5)
19 Indicated objects nearby (5)
21 Piece of milk-soaked bread (3)