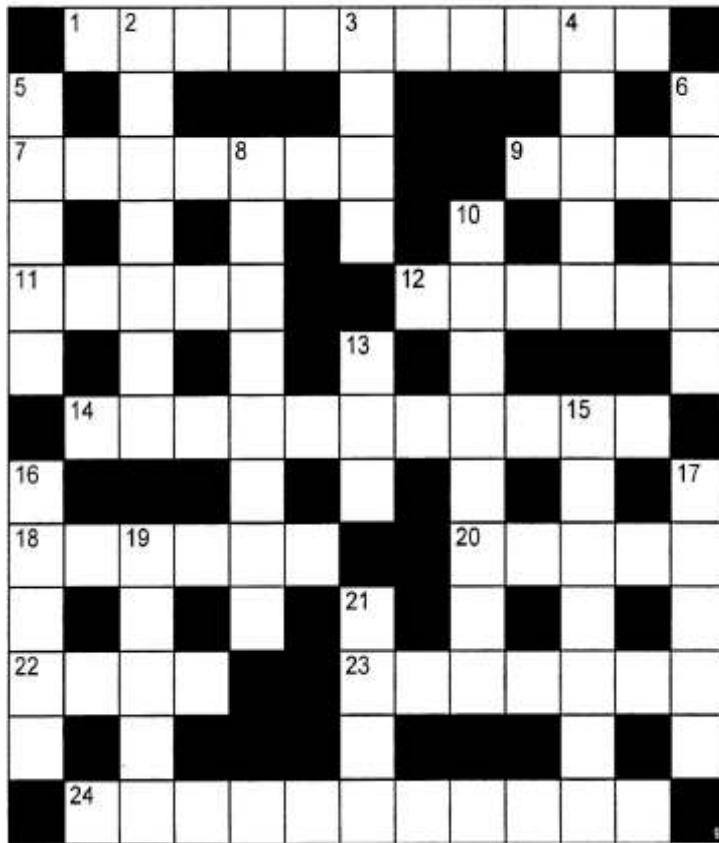


SOLUTION: BL Two-way Crossword 865

ACROSS 1. Distaff 5. Tramp 8. Voucher 9. Irony 10. Underdogs
12. Elf 13. Larva 17. Aid 19. Grandsons 21. Glint 22. Piastre
24. Dread 25. Carry on
DOWN 1. Devout 2. Shudder 3. Ash 4. Forgo 5. Tries hard 6. Abode
7. Pay-off 11. Relegated 14. Shortly 15. Wagged 16. Astern 18. Drive
20. Aspic 23. Air

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EASY

ACROSS

01. Volume concerning the past (7,4)
07. Caught, snared (7)
09. Double-reed woodwind instrument (4)
11. Mendicant brother (5)
12. Item of correspondence (6)
14. Caoutchouc (5-6)
18. Bivalve mollusc; to pucker (6)
20. Movement of fashion (5)
22. Sound quality; shade of colour (4)
23. Liken (7)
24. Alarmist (11)

DOWN

02. European national (7)
03. Impolite (4)
04. Path through the heavens (5)
05. Stick giving one support (5)
06. They fall, crying (5)
08. Minute piece of matter (8)
10. Word for word (8)
13. Attempt (3)
15. Raise (7)
16. Sharp; type of accent (5)
17. Placed something more on (5)
19. One who sees good in nothing (5)
21. Offscourings (4)

NOT SO EASY

ACROSS

01. In which words are bound to give meaning to the past (7,4)
07. Was caught returning piece quietly to the editor (7)
09. Old boys obviously evade heads for something of note (4)
11. Franciscan may see Rhode Island in a distant setting (5)
12. One with apartments to rent gets posted (6)
14. Raj country takes the best of odd games to be bouncy (5-6)
18. Prepare to fire gun with the French to get shellfish (6)
20. General tendency shows tour-leader will split (5)
22. Shade of colour may be recognised in inflection of voice (4)
23. Man hosting show has sound way to point out similarities (7)
24. Score with German perhaps if he spreads alarming rumours (11)

DOWN

02. In a tail-wagging way finds formal garden has statues (7)
03. Right due for change for not being cultured (4)
04. Symbol of the world, it follows, has its track in the sky (5)
05. Those company employs provide something to lean on (5)
06. 'The big round – Cours'd one another down his innocent nose' (AYLI) (5)
08. Bit one half-cleans – a tiny bit (8)
10. Perform it (a breve) giving up word for word (8)
13. Conservative, dropping nothing, will hear criminal case (3)
15. The Spanish Woman going round at the way to raise it (7)
16. Sharp as the accent a Frenchman may use (5)
17. Went on to say one was doing one's sums (5)
19. He sees no good in anything half-racy and not quite nice (5)
21. The total includes carbon seen floating on surface (4)