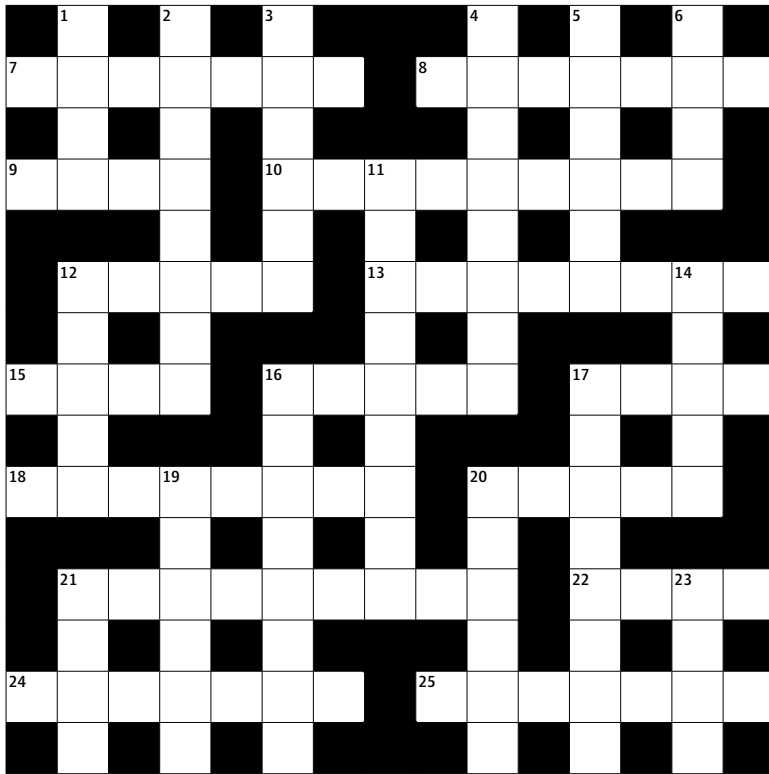


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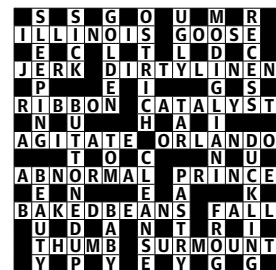
Across

- 7 10001000 teachers might be kind of shy (7)
- 8 Labour employs leading economist over article for growth (7)
- 9 Small child's slide? (4)
- 10 Old church's financial backers lose pound sterling in trades (9)
- 12 Break back carrying wife's deposits as security (5)
- 13 They send out Mister Messy to collect note (8)
- 15 In the end policies bore, admit focus groups (4)
- 16 Partners suppress anger with alarm (5)
- 17 Remove stolen contents (4)
- 18 Plant has Ubers manufactured (3,5)
- 20 Perhaps Shakespeare eats no meals (5)
- 21 Kept, as are exotic birds (9)
- 22 Cricket, maybe, is mega-excited (4)
- 24 Gap garment a third off – over nine grand! (7)
- 25 Something unusual in books about lovesick Yankee (7)

Down

- 1 Men bowled over by fine bird ... (4)
- 2 ... and more court daughter with slow dancing (4,4)
- 3 College in Cambridge or in New York? (6)
- 4 Number it: a 100 written up as symbols (8)
- 5 Champion in utter darkness (6)
- 6 Nails cut up (4)
- 11 Former party leader inherits real mess and can be excused (9)
- 12 A little bit of quiet on the radio (5)
- 14 Even reversing, I would be quick (5)
- 16 It's beautiful out (8)
- 17 Arguments with scientists about fish (8)
- 19 Hit golf ball badly over river, then withdrew (6)
- 20 Holy man to dance around his building (6)
- 21 Dads drink on Sunday (4)
- 23 Worried to support married couple (4)

Solution No. 28,373



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