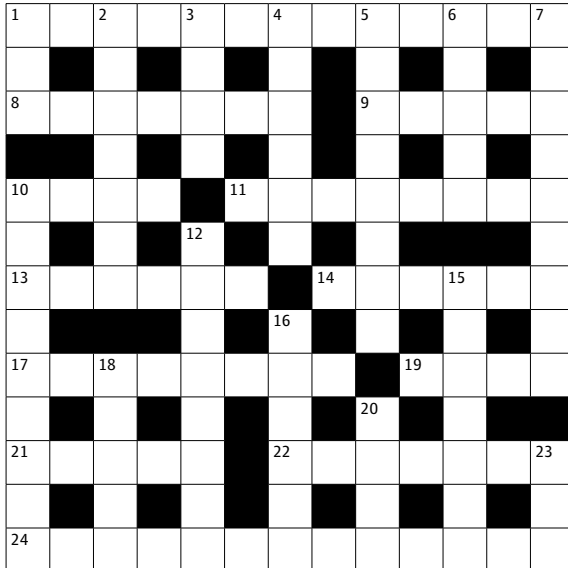


## Speedy crossword No. 1,355



### Across

- 1 Start to improve (4,3,6)
- 8 Deteriorate through neglect (2,2,3)
- 9 Old Testament city destroyed for its wickedness (5)
- 10 Defect (4)
- 11 Witches' pot (8)
- 13 Release (3,3)
- 14 Standing, position (6)
- 17 C. 78% of the earth's atmosphere (8)
- 19 Capable (4)
- 21 Broadcasting (2,3)
- 22 Polar vehicle (7)
- 24 17th March (2,8,3)

4 Ensnare (6)

5 Out of date (8)

6 Lowest point (5)

7 Recollect with pleasure (9)

10 Involved in crime (9)

12 Tyrant (8)

15 Non-broadsheet paper (7)

16 Mediaeval Florentine family (6)

18 Vagrant (5)

20 Kiss lightly (4)

23 Consider idly (3)

### Down

- 1 Towing ship (3)
- 2 Withdraw (7)
- 3 Regularly drink to excess (4)

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