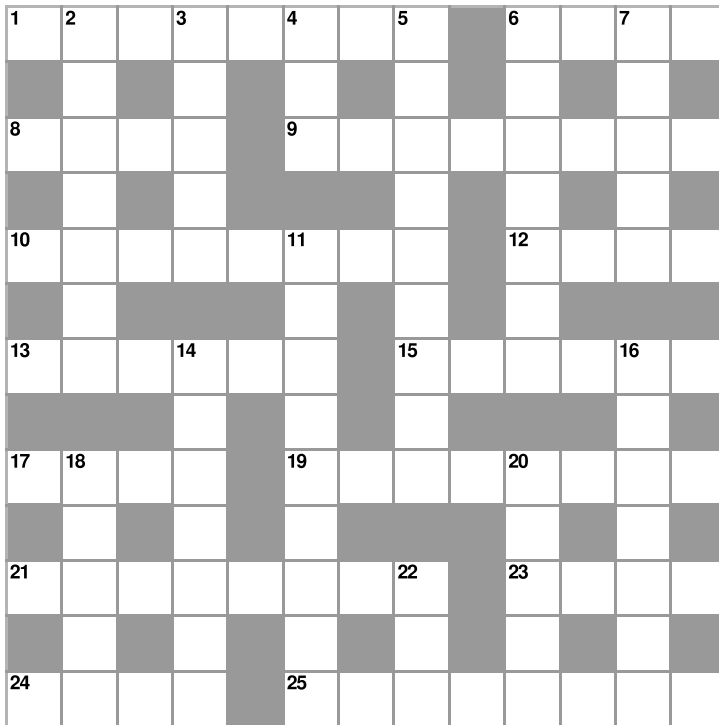


Times Quick Cryptic No 2454 by Beck



ACROSS

- 1 Gathered sandwich condiment, you might say (8)
- 6 Church area, not left to pass into disuse (4)
- 8 Her love's a lifesaver? (4)
- 9 Artist Mondrian hiding fish in circular graphic (3,5)
- 10 Putting out a lot for life, almost in charge (8)
- 12 Drive essential to surgery (4)
- 13 Slender and extremely greasy whatchamacallit (6)
- 15 Absorb hot joke on the radio (6)
- 17 That was careless, dropping first of rings (4)
- 19 Find fault with a short story writer in a Japanese city (8)
- 21 Therefore assist the setter, no matter what (2,4,2)
- 23 Put down US city driver's licence, say (4)
- 24 Touched soft material (4)
- 25 Twelve men onto one, somehow (8)

DOWN

- 2 Discover a French painting, maybe Henri's first (7)
- 3 Time to go around monster (5)
- 4 Sales agent, note, quiet (3)
- 5 Soaking to the bone, twisting, changing top (9)
- 6 Look out up in Berlin! Harry can't hug! (7)
- 7 Quiet runner's shoulder motion (5)
- 11 Spooner's meddlesome admirer provides a bit of kitchen ware (6,3)
- 14 Developing northern trip up a mountain? (7)
- 16 Kiss him madly? It's a belief (7)
- 18 Atmosphere layer over region (5)
- 20 Left Croatian city (5)
- 22 Eastern medic providing type of music (3)