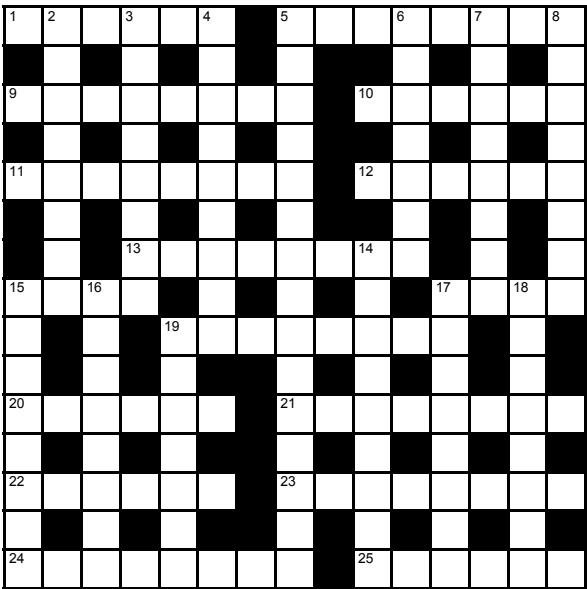


Across

- 1 Quietly drop extremely large stone (6)
- 5 Party politician rode around with drink (3,5)
- 9 Almost avoid *Ruler of Wrongdoing* (8)
- 10 Horrible men and I try heartless hate (6)
- 11 Worthwhile early investment in quality grain (4,4)
- 12 Excellent end to pressure (6)
- 13 Wreck wit of ref making changes (5-3)
- 15 Eager bloke enjoys entertaining (4)
- 17 Muscles into speed cash regularly (4)
- 19 Shad are down - first flush is hot (8)
- 20 Attractive? Rather! (6)
- 21 Posed with a retreating stray at grim termination of devil-worshipping (8)
- 22 Declare that everyone say "Equality" to start with (6)
- 23 Take out Peron and copper at Evita opening (8)
- 24 I sound out doctor before operations re medicine (3-5)
- 25 Very happy with energy then over time died (6)

Down

- 2 Proof that I have returned to study with empty case (8)
- 3 Concede support crashed (4,4)
- 4 Correct old liar about column (9)
- 5 Vulnerability of initial detachment enforcing barricade without head (15)
- 6 Ferry-boat provided for first pope (7)
- 7 Pull nurse finally to contain nervous fit and degree of wandering (8)
- 8 In brief, company simply undisciplined for serious competition (8)
- 14 Just deal with ethical businesses (4,5)
- 15 Hang onto drink as memento (8)
- 16 Person kicked out old partner, poet Lily Eden, oddly (8)
- 17 Answer ends mix-up which the Commission started: You will, Zuma (8)
- 18 Tape social class welcoming group (8)



19 Live as one - but exclude the demonstrator (7)