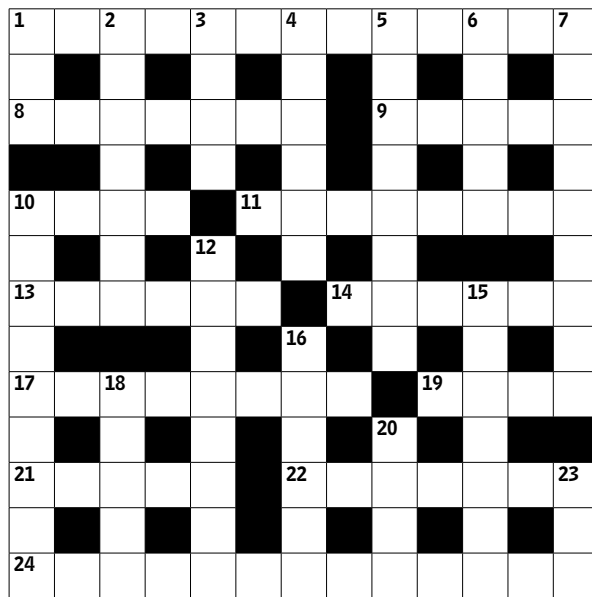
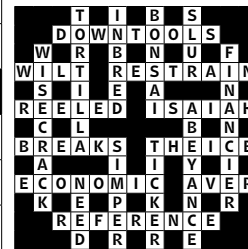


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### ACROSS

- 1 Arguing pointlessly or rudely (8,5)
- 8 Applicable to a whole class or group (7)
- 9 Spine (5)
- 10 Confederate; supporter (4)
- 11 Hors d'oeuvres, sometimes the first course (8)
- 13 Make certain (6)
- 14 Senior electrician on a film/TV set (6)
- 17 Futuristic (5-3)
- 19 Young animal associated with soft leather (4)
- 21 Unsettled; on account (5)
- 22 Not legal (7)
- 24 Don't let the side down (4,4,3,2)

### DOWN

- 1 Micro-organism (3)
- 2 Put at a loss; confuse (7)
- 3 Long ago (4)
- 4 Distinction (6)
- 5 (Navigable) channel (8)
- 6 Major 5 in France (5)
- 7 Plain typeface (4,5)
- 10 English name of the world's highest monolith, in N Australia (5,4)
- 12 Opera gig (anagram) (8)
- 15 Slack (7)
- 16 Touch off; inflame (6)
- 18 Analogous (5)
- 20 Hint to get what this is? (4)
- 23 1Dn on the phone (3)