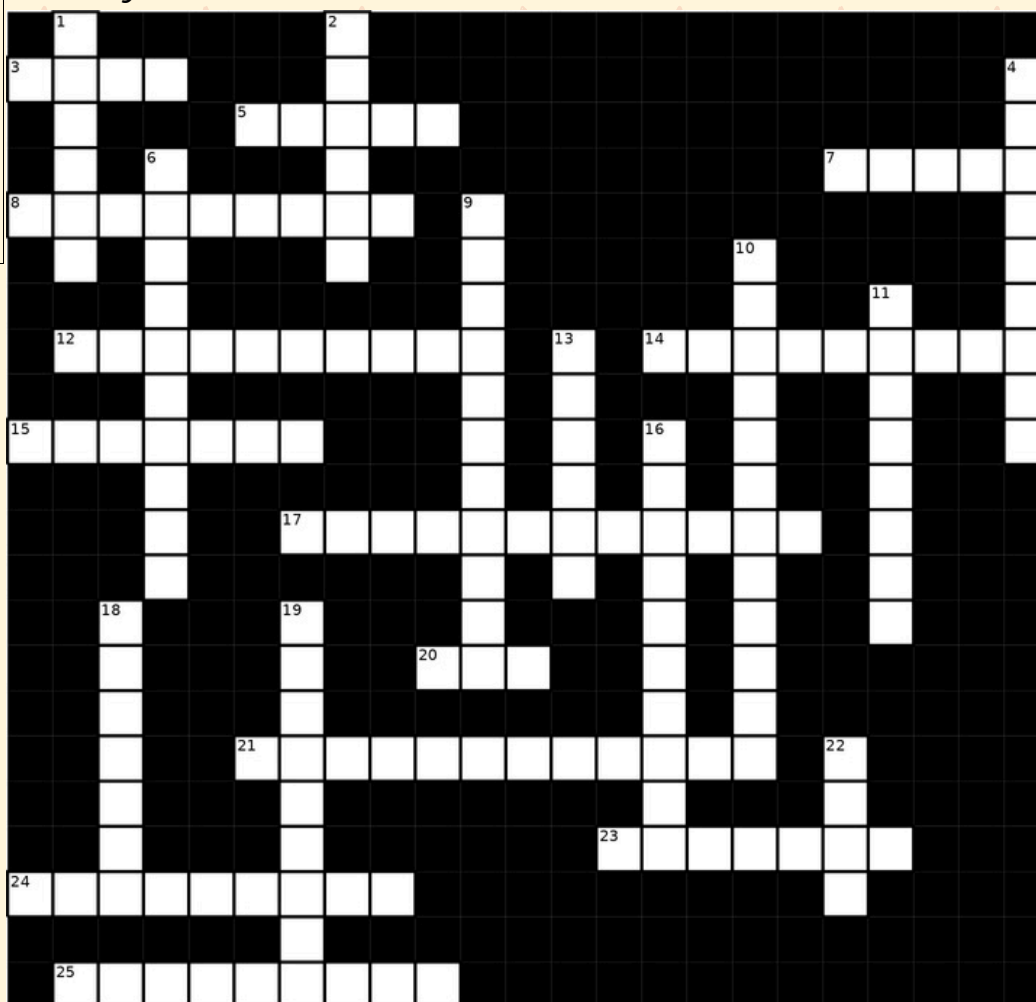


CRYPTIC CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Can you crack this Christmas crossword?
Try to uncover the answers from the clues below.



Across

- 3 - Sound a cracker makes.
- 5 - Amount of French hens gifted during the Twelve Days of Christmas.
- 7 - The film 'Miracle on 34th Street' was based on this real-life department store.
- 8 - What the 26th of December is also known as.
- 12 - Director of the classic 1946 film 'It's a Wonderful Life'.
- 14 - What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
- 15 - Bird known for its black and white tuxedo-like appearance.
- 17 - Actor who starred in 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'.
- 20 - Colour of Santa's suit.
- 21 - One of the gifts given by the Three Wise Men, beginning with 'F'.
- 23 - What water does when the temperature drops below zero.
- 24 - Type of Italian sweet bread enjoyed during the Christmas period.
- 25 - Traditionally cooked on an open fire.

Down

- 1 - Left for Rudolph on Christmas Eve.
- 2 - The country who sends a Christmas tree to London every year as a gift.
- 4 - You are supposed to kiss someone underneath this plant.
- 6 - Legendary 'Coronation Street' character who left the show on Christmas Day 1987.
- 9 - Band whose single 'Don't You Want Me' was the Christmas No. 1 in 1981.
- 10 - Traditional Scottish song sung on New Year's Eve.
- 11 - Name of a coin traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding.
- 13 - Hark the [...] Angels Sing
- 16 - Iconic actress who was born on Christmas Eve in 1922.
- 18 - Name of one of Santa's reindeers beginning with 'B'.
- 19 - Star sign if you are born on Christmas Day.
- 22 - In Paris, you may be wished 'Joyeux [...]'

Answers (no cheating!):
Across - 3. Bang; 5. Three; 7. Macys; 8. Boxing Day; 12. Frank Capra; 14. Holy Night; 15. Penguin; 17. Michael Caine; 20. Red; 21. Frankincense; 23. Freezes; 24. Panettone; 25. Chestnuts
Down - 1. Carrot; 2. Norway; 4. Mistletoe; 6. Hilda Ogden; 9. Human League; 10. Auld Lang Syne; 11. Sixpence; 13. Hark!; 16. Avo Gardner; 18. Blitz; 19. Capricorn; 22. Noel

