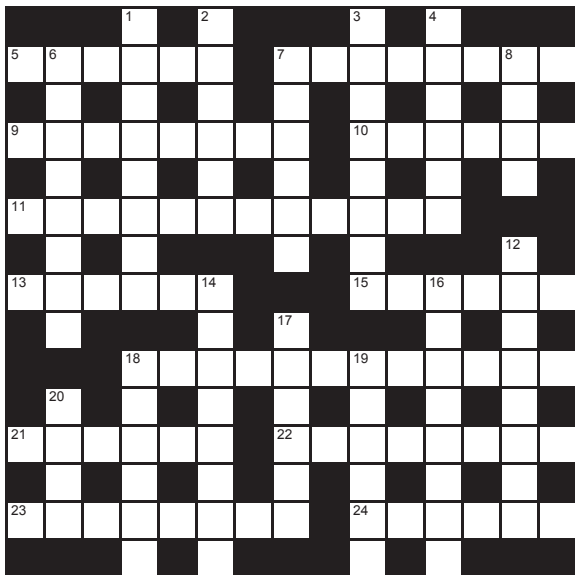


# CROSSWORD

No. 14,277 Set by MONK



## JOTTER PAD

## ACROSS

- 5 Log producer demands area on new wharf (6)
- 7 Beginning to edge away when introduced to dull man (8)
- 9 Adorn famous books with gold facing (8)
- 10 Multinational republic welcoming army regulators? (6)
- 11 Backer of the *Big Issue* is into wrestling after getting in uniform (12)
- 13 Declines to skip following exercises yet again (6)
- 15 Press returned having learnt about commotion (6)
- 18 Transported round Chinese port through two channels (12)
- 21 Almost get off on too much capital (6)
- 22 Reportedly beats a neighbouring republic (8)
- 23 One exposed truants, I fancy (8)
- 24 Famous dry spot in Sahara? Rather (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Dodgy claims re law-breaking events? (8)
- 2 Obtain the bearing of sunrise (6)
- 3 After half a month, tip author (8)
- 4 Not wanting a stroke remembered (3,3)

- 6 After Universal's departure, debated about Kurosawa film set (8)
- 7 What might give you endless fit and diarrhoea, almost? (6)
- 8 Old book for a pound? (4)
- 12 Man about to tour first Roman cardinal's church (8)
- 14 Outline of a semicircle one's represented (8)
- 16 One in a hold ultimately has to pull continuously (8)
- 17 Three couples want it before start of a festival (6)
- 18 Eagerly purchase bowls, perhaps? (4,2)
- 19 Stall China's foreign correspondent? (3,3)
- 20 Mountain petunias in prime locations (4)

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