



Across

1. Internet protocol compression seen while in bed — with either bloke or bird! (5)
4. Decisive score playing cricket at opponents' ground. (7)
- 7,8. Cheers! Kirstie, after Heather, follows inclination in venue for ten pins. (7,5)
9. Complaint about the meat! (4)
10. Appearing like that with Cary, Virginia is such a tramp! (7)
- 14,15. Small flag behind warplane and, in France, a short, warm coat with a zip fastener. (6,6)
17. Unknown equal opportunities before America put it together — now it's like fire. (7)
18. Move slowly towards escarpment. (4)
- 20,22. Coldstream Guards yarn I didn't spin just for them to make that indecently terspichorean movie out of it. (5,7)
23. Dream: unemployment benefit briefly whisked you to hundred-island paradise... (7)
24. German British war artist seems to grind teeth in despair. (5)

Down

1. Amy Grant 1991 song is pet project by girl. (8)
2. Carelessly, we put germ in tankard. (9)
3. Inspid person on intravenous medication? (4)
4. Child of turncoat with hairpiece? (6)
5. "I labour with nothing but with ..." hand tool — a "hard case"? (3)
6. Expert in a small department. (5)
8. A coarse woman is at large! (6)
11. Nevada kid managed to see Miss Ewing's 1992 *Salome*, for example. (9)
12. A vegetable eaten raw; for speed, add it ... to almost any salad! (6)
13. You need the full complement to gain power. (8)
16. Large cask with endless quantity of liquor in the Arctic plain. (6)
17. I obtain from the earth a compound got from ammonia by replacing two atoms of hydrogen by other groups. (5)
19. Southern scold presents obstacle. (4)
21. Yeo, Rice or Henman perhaps. (3)