

Crossword No IPHSEM218

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Across

- 1 Ruminant sees small insect run away. (8)
- 5 Samaritan finding paper fragment in north Africa? (4)
- 9 Gather initially the same meagre pickings. (5)
- 10 Frozen herb arrangement is charmingly rustic. (7)
- 11 Feudal warrior confused us, Maria! (7)
- 12 Measure in the city for Ellen Dean. (5)
- 13 Unusual pearl test for gunpowder. (9)
- 18 You lose nothing and gain quick (if perverse) acceptance with this Mexican shrub. (5)
- 20 Braille is difficult for this broad-minded party. (7)
- 22 Gangster fits cowl on Scottish chimney. (7)
- 23 Bachelor, disabled, shows responsibility. (5)
- 24 Blast this kingdom into Nebraska! (4)
- 25 Photograph an attempt to break first. (8)

Down

- 1 Yes! But store first in a rich merchant ship. (6)
- 2 Smother broken vacuum flask. (7)
- 3 Bin-bag on an ocean ship. (5)
- 4 Macedonian king with luxury railway car reads children's author. (6,7)
- 6 Harold and Alan provide food permissible to Muslims. (5)
- 7 Finger, and foot to match (two of them, cleverly) .(6)
- 8 Grant good mesh catches young of cob and pen. (6)
- 14 Tending and in a position to follow a distance of about 1760 feet near Beijing. (6)
- 15 Blow seedhead first but talk incessantly down under. (7)
- 16 Endless artificial excitement in front of a wee girl causes a brief stroke. (6)
- 17 Although it's white garb it is following in an oriental direction. (6)
- 19 Thousands go after beloved confectionery, forming a wedge preventing further movement! (5)
- 21 Just live to dance to 1940s jazz! (5)