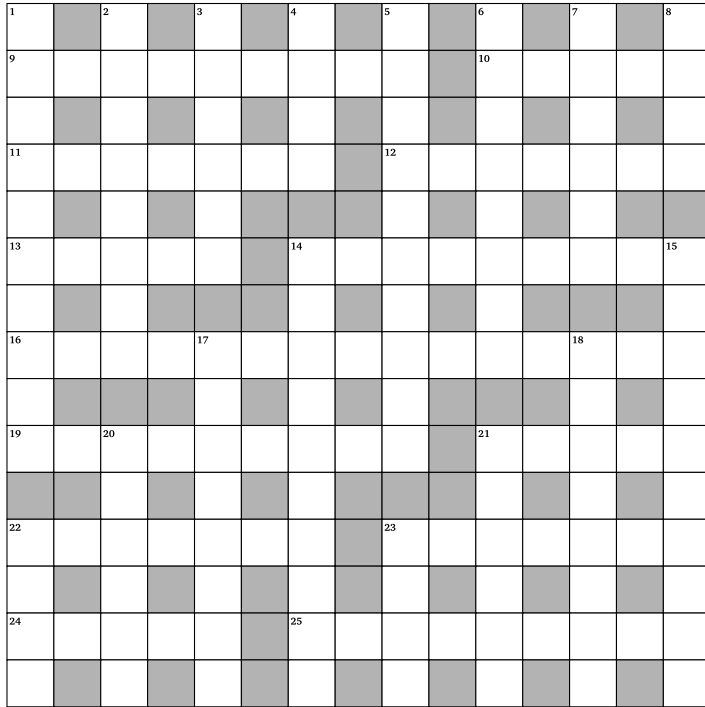


# Cryptic Crossword

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## Number 3 by Numpty

### Across:

9. Leave the best for the end of excursion in Princess's area of France (9)
10. River of myrrh on Epiphany (5)
11. Alternatively, Dante is confused (7)
12. Overflowing lavatory covered up by FBI agent hiding diamond (7)
13. Sharp characters following model are made into fools (5)
14. It's a model cheese party, suprisingly, but for starters of stilton and emmental (9)
16. Focuses too narrowly on Eliza's spice mix (15)
19. Mourning Ringo's upset about disagreement (9)
21. Language of a party without extremes (5)
22. Occupied Pope led distractedly
23. A network, with another backing up, never dies (7)
24. Small note at the end of letter produces sobs (5)
25. A recipient of a frock, wearing a flower (9)

### Down:

1. Changes with a theme, perhaps? (10)
2. Hussein's new organization produces light (8)
3. Mum's missing Mark, and the rest of them (6)
4. Charity starts to move in new direction (4)
5. Improving by leaving for another country - not Germany (10)
6. Tree-dwelling woman climbs over hole (8)
7. Director's out of ideas, losing heart (6)
8. Top toilet (4)
14. Native American distressed Marianne, hiding Princess (10)
15. Protected from drug's lethal dose by journalist after silence in the middle of Benin (10)
17. S.O.S. spelt badly made flawless (8)
18. Eccentricity in map going back to headland (8)
20. Untangle rope, reverse course and launch again (6)
21. He half-conceded and is paid attention to (6)
22. Father initially would not pledge (4)
23. Exaggerated dynamism hides disturbance (4)