Across:
1. Is getting in support to carry on the fight (6)
4. Records broken by Ernest (6)
9. Terribly grieved, draw apart (7)
10. Soft-hearted look for a social outcast (5)
11. Return first class by railway to southern country (5)
12. Study apostle in Scandinavia (7)
13. Resolute support from your company? (4,7)
18. and 7 Down: Will such action affect the lion-tamer’s act? (7,6)
20. Tender proposal (5)
22. Female novelist and male poet are both made to lie (5)
23. Is splitting the country, but facing the facts (7)
24. Money put behind a mirror (6)
25. A top man in the building trade (6)

Down:
1. Is unusually hard on the outside, but edible (6)
2. Cut and serve out (5)
3. Unending massacre can result in bitter comment (7)
5. Only order northern fabric (5)
6. Account for what is no longer clear (7)
7. See 18 Across
8. Service chiefs? (4,7)
14. I shall and will show hostility (3,4)
15. A professor of infinite wisdom (4-3)
16. Ways to get round little children’s demands (6)
17. Paint book? (6)
19. Smart girl that is after a share of the proceeds (5)
21. Sort of girl to give Rex the run around (5)

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Across:
1 Backlog, 5 Somme, 8 Dancing master, 9 Exile,
10 Entreat, 11 Crease, 12 Befall, 15 Leander, 17 Climb, 19 Animal
spirits, 20 Since, 21 Organic.

Down:
1 Budge, 2 Consideration, 3 Loiters, 4 Gagged, 5 Smart,
6 Mathematician, 7 Erratum, 11 Collars, 13 Etching, 14 Presto,
16 Drake, 18 Basic.
Across
1 Assert without proof (6)
4 Appoint to a task (6)
9 Conditional stipulation (7)
10 Different (5)
11 Inexpensive (5)
12 Predicament (7)
13 Relevant example (4,2,5)
18 Sportive (7)
20 Russian novelist (5)
22 Escape by cunning (5)
23 Senseless (7)
24 Spurious (6)
25 Instrumentality (6)

Down
1 Facet (6)
2 Inexact (5)
3 Momentary view (7)
5 Displeased expression (5)
6 Brutal (7)
7 Country of north Europe (6)
8 Still popular past favourite (6,5)
14 Generally (2,1,4)
15 Continuing (7)
16 Maintenance (6)
17 Brave (6)
19 Demon (5)
21 Make progress (3,2)

Across: 1 Scholar, 5 Sauna, 8 Roller coaster, 9 Arena, 10 Regatta, 11 Beside, 12 Freely, 15 Tremble, 17 Drift, 19 Motion picture, 20 Nerve, 21 Relieve.
Down: 1 Syria, 2 Helter-skelter, 3 Leeward, 4 Record, 5 Slang, 6 Up-to-the-minute, 7 Already, 11 Bitumen, 13 Radical, 14 Temper, 16 Broke, 18 There.
This is the world’s most addictive numbers game. The aim is to fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. This is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

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Yesterday’s solution:

Using the letter U somewhere in every word, can you make at least 30 words of four letters or more out of these letters? At least one word will have all the letters. No proper names.

Yesterday’s answers: acyl, agley, amyl, angel, angle, argyle, aryl, calm, calmer, camel, camelry, carl, clam, clan, clang, clanger, clay, clean, clear, cleg, clergy, CLERGYMAN, earl, early, elan, gale, gamely, glance, glare, glary, gleam, gleamy, glean, gley, gley, gnarly, lace, lacy, lager, lame, lance, lancer, lane, larceny, large, larn, layer, lean, learn, legacy, legman, leman, lyre, macle, male, mangle, manly, Marcel, marl, meal, meanly, namely, nearly, rale, real, realm, regal, regnal, relay, rely, renal
EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 24 represents B so fill in B every time the figure 24 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.