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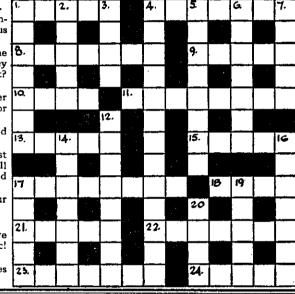
Clues Across

- 1. I make a shield with sage (5).
- 4. The inside load is greatly disliked (7).
- 8. Lay a wager about something which may involve you in a loss, for a joint result (7).
- 9. The boredom of some long-forgotten nuisance (5).
 10. If Ma's separated No.
- If Ma's separated from the dog, a slight quarrel results (4).
- 11. Why should this engagement make us so pale? (8).
- 13. Litter left by the Danes when they were put to rout? (5).
- 15. The hoyden loses her head over the senior member (5).
- 17. At chess I arranged to beat (8).
- 18. If you go against this current you'll find the big, bad animal! (4).
- 21. Palm some of your spare cash? (5).
- 22. Dip (7).
- 23. If you're this, you're hardly enthusiastic! (3, 4).
- 24. This girl confuses the issue (5).

Clues Down

- 1. It is found in a sometimes rectangular but usually square garden plot (7).
- "Like patience on a monument, Smiling at ——" ("Twelfth Night," Act 2, Scene 4) (5).
- 3. The Japanese make it from rice (4).
- 4. Not a flash site, but when you've got it in order it will be the last word in style (6, 7).
- 5. If yours are out of order, they might add noise to your breathing (8).
- 6. Thy nose is evidence of uprightness! (7).
- 7. Its work is certainly boring! (5).
- 12. Originate (8).
- 14. The citadel is overthrown, in a manner of speaking (7).
- 16. At present present? (7).
- 17. It is only as strong as its weakest link (5).
- 19. This cricket ground cannot be described as peerless! (5).
- 20. Implies no untruth (4).

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VISITS to Russia are not as uncommon as they used to be, but there is still a fascination in hearing from those who have been there "on their own steam" and have been allowed to wander where they liked. Gerald Hitchcox, who now lives in Wellington, is one of these. About eighteen months ago, with his American-born wife he spent several weeks in Moscow trying to sell scientific instruments for a small London firm, of which he was part-owner-the first visit by a non-sponsored married couple from the West since the war. Mr Hitchcox has described his visit in two talks for the NZBS, which will be heard from YA and YZ stations on Thursday, August 15, at 9.15 p.m., and at the same time the following Thursday. Starting with his early difficulties in getting a visa, he goes on to talk of the sea voyage to Leningrad in a Russian ship, the 500-mile train trip to Moscow, the hotels, the newspapers and many other aspects of Moscow life. "The Russians," he says, "have a will to work and a shining pride in their country which we had to admire."



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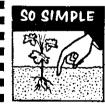
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