

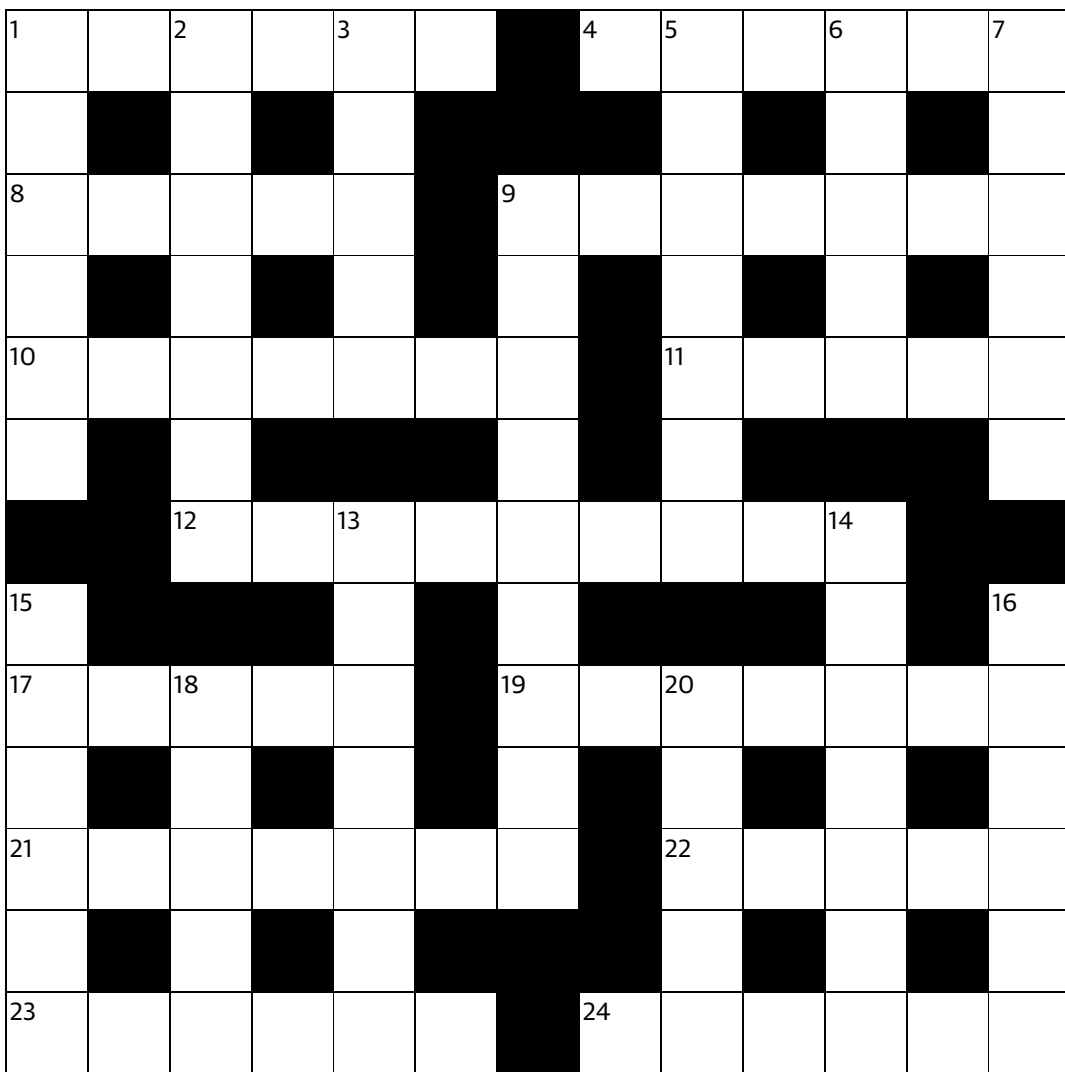
Across

- 1: Riddle (9)
 8: Cads - shoe parts (5)
 9: Certificate of achievement (7)
 10: Unsuitable name for a person or thing (8)
 11: Drink - collection of beauties? (4)
 13: More nervous (6)
 14: Southwest European principality (6)
 16: Somewhere to sit (4)
 17: Cowboys' home? (4,4)
 19: Something used for extraction - courted (anag) (7)
 20: Strange (5)
 21: Widespread - current (9)

Down

- 1: Buyer (8)
 2: Agreed - dropped off (6)
 3: Scruff of the neck (4)
 4: 2016 Olympics host (3,2,7)
 5: Smooth tongued - too squeamish (5-7)
 6: Flue clearer (7,5)
 7: (In written music) an instruction involving sharps and flats (3,9)
 12: Loss of confidence (4,4)
 15: Savage (6)
 18: Active volcano (4)

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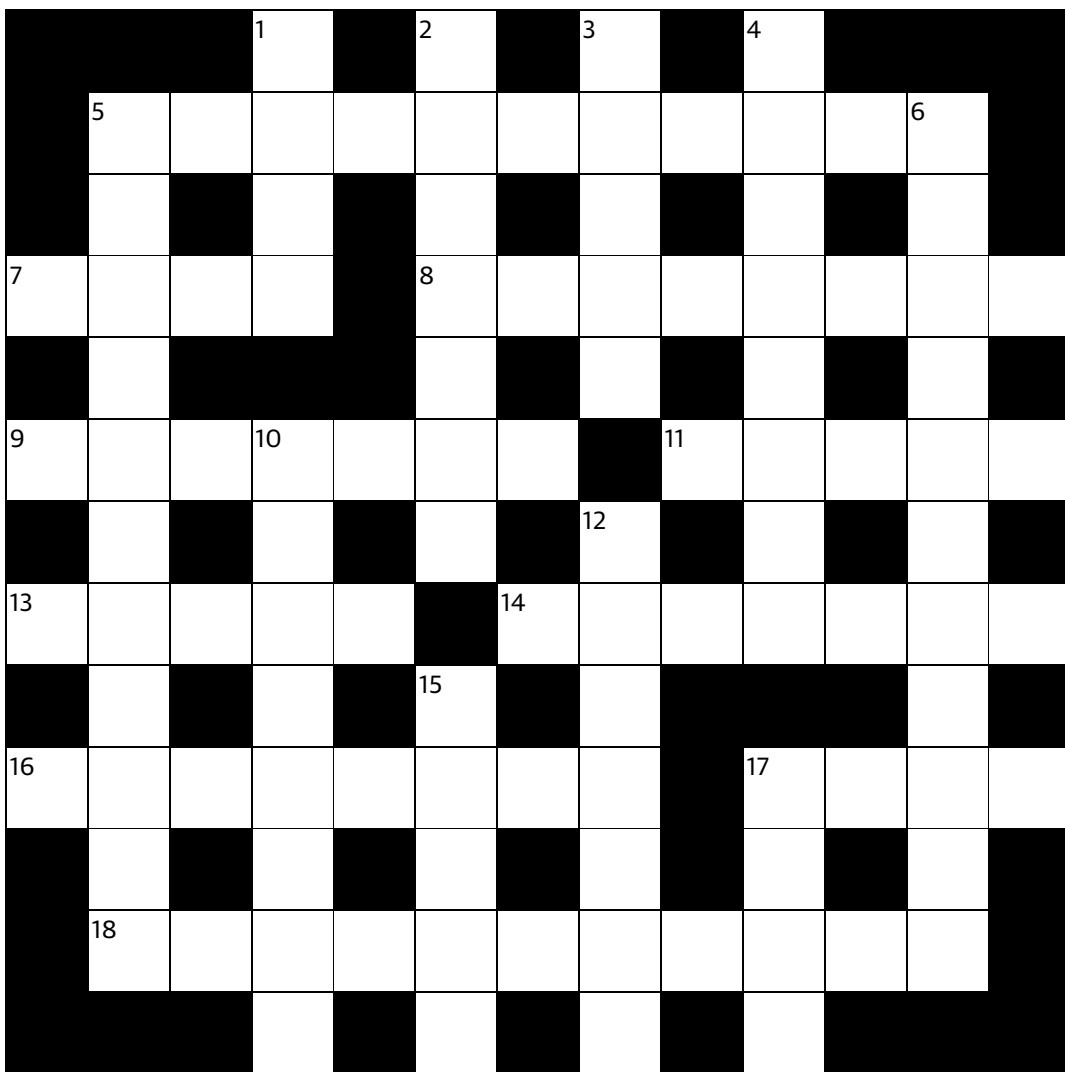


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- 1: Marital crime (6)
- 4: Attractively slim (6)
- 8: Shaved (5)
- 9: Composite picture (7)
- 10: Defensive mound (7)
- 11: Diving bird (5)
- 12: Jet engine with the turbine coupled to a propeller (9)
- 17: Amsterdam bloom? (5)
- 19: Fruit garden (7)
- 21: Having malingering tendencies? (7)
- 22: Snap (5)
- 23: Cause to lose hearing (6)
- 24: In a feeble manner (6)

Down

- 1: Eatery (6)
- 2: Ring of rope or metal (7)
- 3: Heavenly grub? (5)
- 5: Condiment - bad temper (7)
- 6: Go (5)
- 7: Devon city (6)
- 9: Body of old fables (9)
- 13: (In fencing) a quick return thrust (7)
- 14: Proud strutter (7)
- 15: Cooked (prunes?) (6)
- 16: Abject stupidity (6)
- 18: Immature form of caterpillar (5)
- 20: Dense thicket (5)



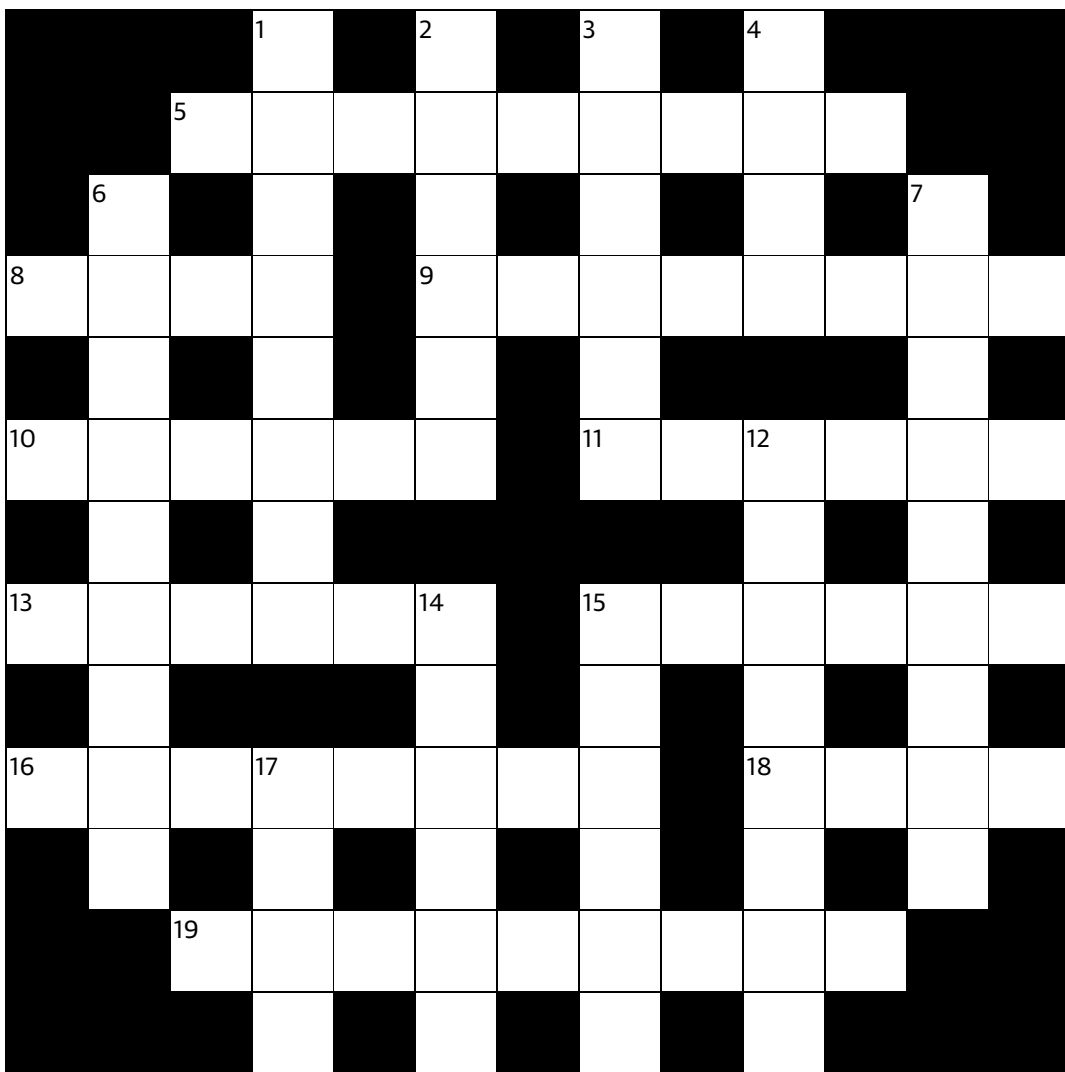
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- 5: Idiot (11)
 7: Legal or formal document (4)
 8: Table-top game (4-4)
 9: Scurry (7)
 11: Soak thoroughly - precipitous (5)
 13: Of the nose (5)
 14: Give way or sink under pressure (7)
 16: Pimento or Jamaica pepper (8)
 17: Plant bearing grapes (4)
 18: Therapy involving mass aging the soles of the feet (11)

Down

- 1: Give up (smoking?) (4)
 2: Jumped - omitted (7)
 3: Coin spent by the desperate? (5)
 4: Tyrannical (8)
 5: Person driving slowly in town with intent (4-7)
 6: Payment for taking risks (6,5)
 10: Ventilated cupboard for storing pork, beef etc (4,4)
 12: Title or lands of high ranking nobleman (7)
 15: French composer, d. 1875 (5)
 17: Double bass relative (4)

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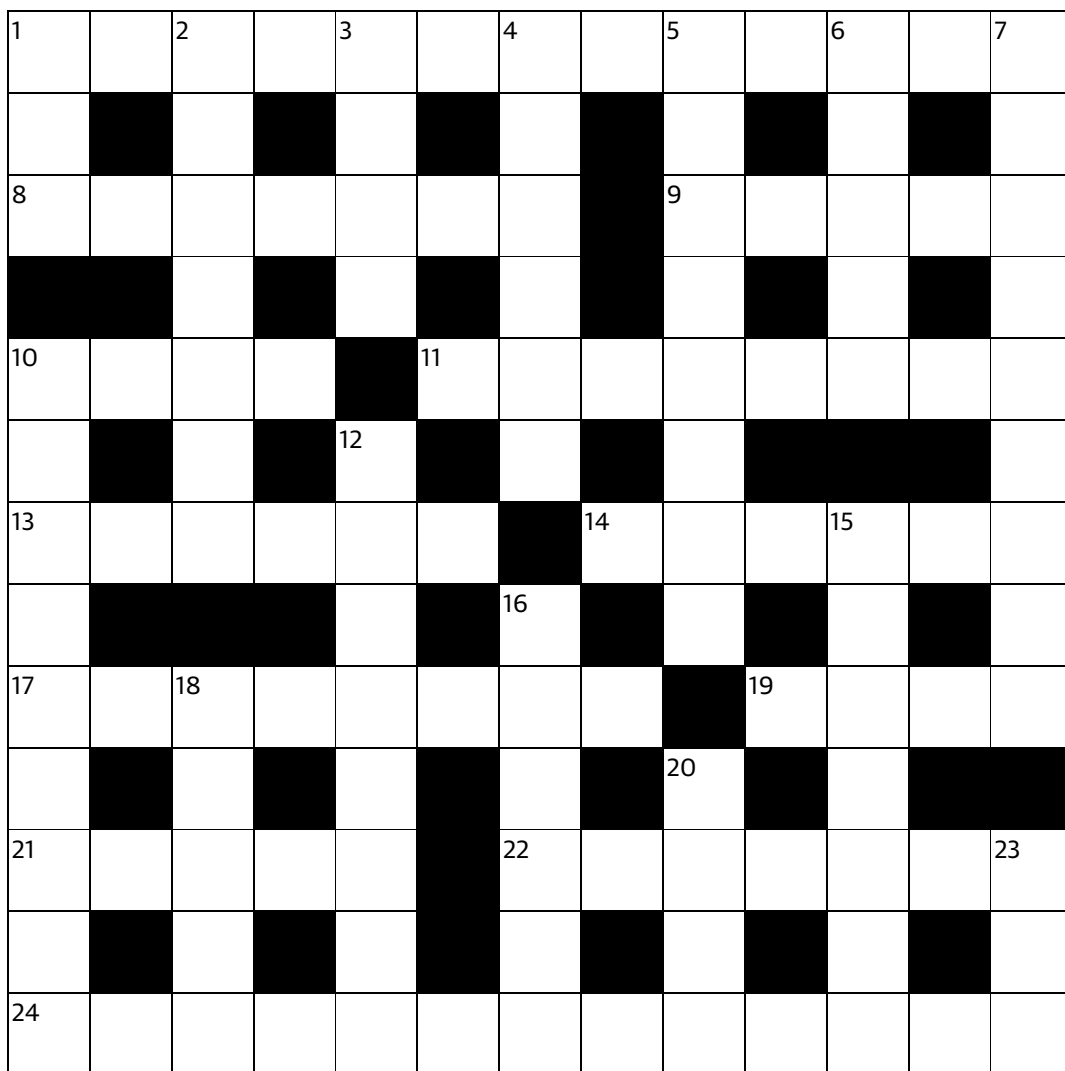
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- 5: Hairy spider (9)
 8: Provoke (4)
 9: Beetle whose wingless females are partly luminous (4-4)
 10: Loan shark? (6)
 11: Digits (6)
 13: Self-possession (6)
 15: Application to a bad purpose (6)
 16: Very long run (8)
 18: Sob childishly (4)
 19: Childish (9)

Down

- 1: Indulge (6,2)
 2: Nocturnal black and white animal (6)
 3: Top whack! (2,4)
 4: Scratch - scrape (4)
 6: Boisterous antics (9)
 7: Posture in ballet (9)
 12: Obvious (8)
 14: Knock one's block off! (6)
 15: Little - bit of time (6)
 17: Blood relative (4)

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Across

1: Third brightest star in the sky - run a caliphate (anag) (5,8)

8: Deep container for cooking and serving food (3,4)

9: Trifling (5)

10: Disconcert (4)

11: Country's military planes (3,5)

13: On the water (6)

14: Taking on duties temporarily (6)

17: Women's very brief shorts (3,5)

19: Spring/summer month (4)

21: Practice (5)

22: Least fatty (7)

24: Does this explain how it all began? (3,4,6)

Down

1: Snake (3)

2: Curly savoury snack (7)

3: Very dry (4)

4: Denoting the cultural traditions of a group (6)

5: Printing surface of any character (8)

6: Speak (5)

7: Group of prominent US universities (3,6)

10: Old camera attachment (9)

12: City in California (8)

15: Before birth - routine (anag) (2,5)

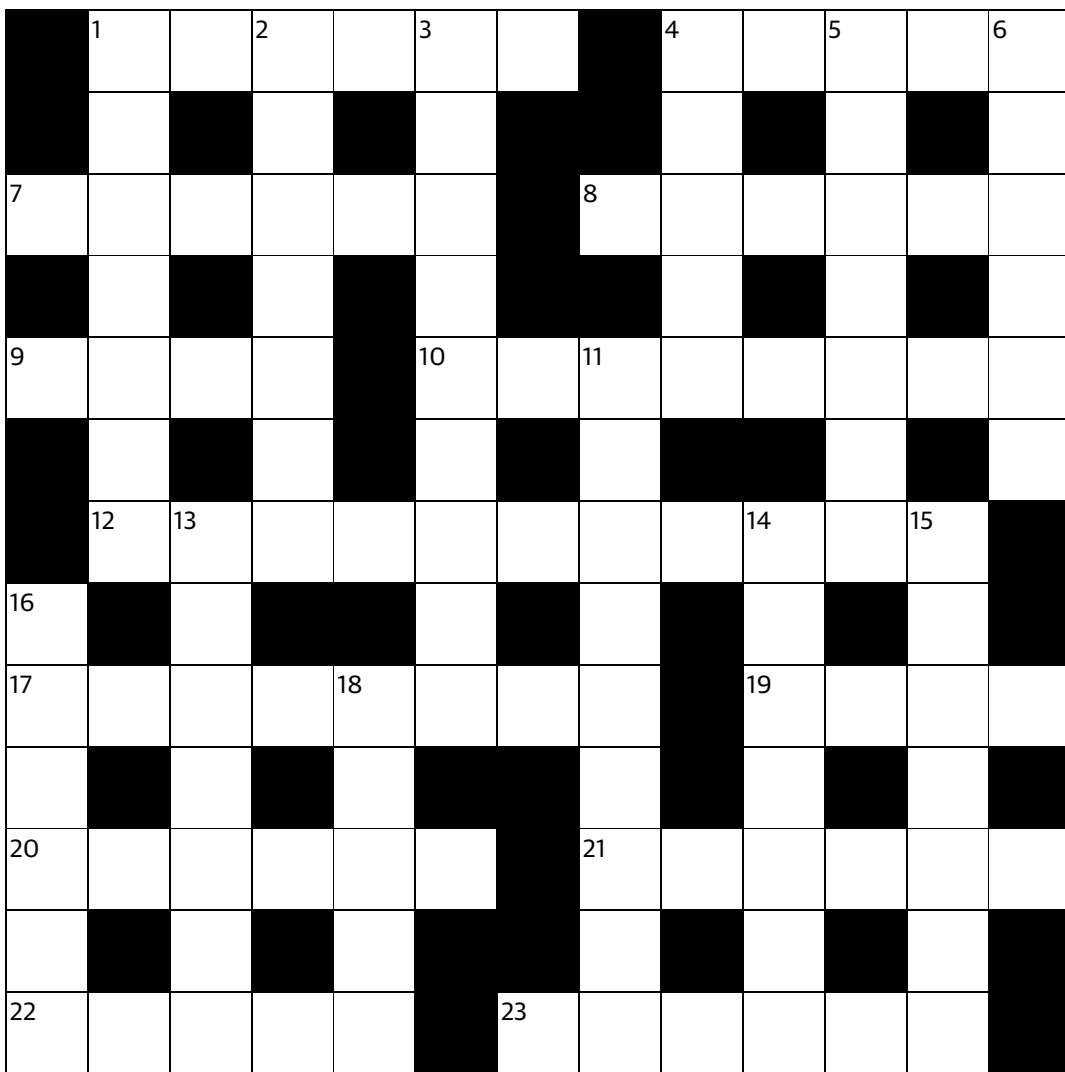
16: German POW camp (6)

18: Nasal accent (5)

20: Go quickly (4)

23: Attempt - hear (legally) (3)

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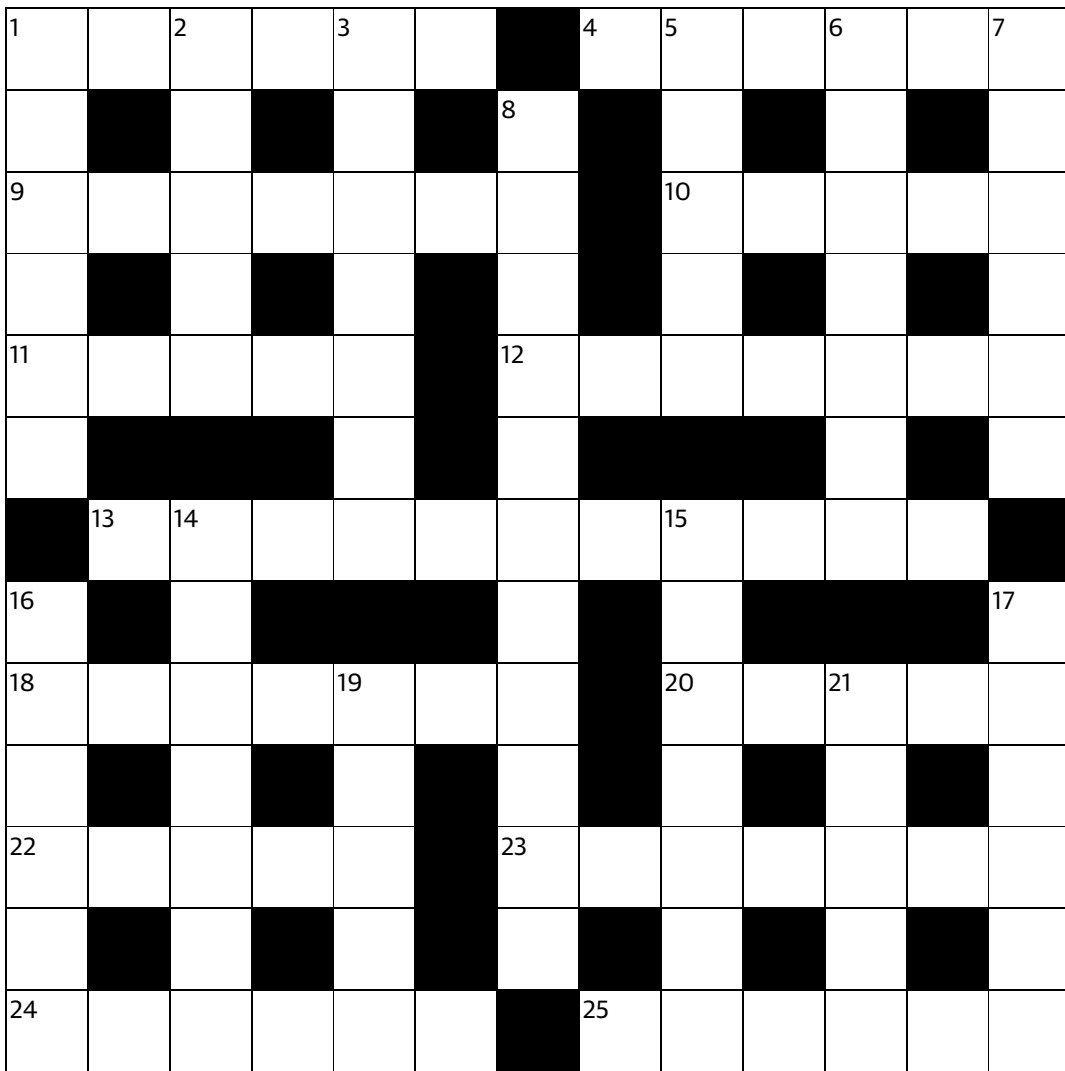
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- 1: Native American from Arizona, New Mexico or Utah (6)
 4: Female (5)
 7: Having deep pockets but short arms? (6)
 8: Association football (6)
 9: Shout very loudly (4)
 10: Practice of sewing pieces of decorative material together (8)
 12: (German) sausage (11)
 17: Eve? (5,3)
 19: Essence (4)
 20: Camera stand (6)
 21: Units of measurement (6)
 22: Freshly arranged music recording (5)
 23: Kind of wine grape (6)

Down

- 1: Less than 50% (3,4)
 2: Ice cream flavour (7)
 3: Middle-of-the-road type? (9)
 4: Convolution eg in the ear (5)
 5: Monkey with a short or no tail (7)
 6: Annoyed - upset - irritated (6)
 11: Device to show the vertical (5,4)
 13: Artistic movement representing people and things as they actually are (7)
 14: Newsworthy? (7)
 15: Fall back (7)
 16: US president (6)
 18: Native American from between Lake Michigan and the Rockies (5)



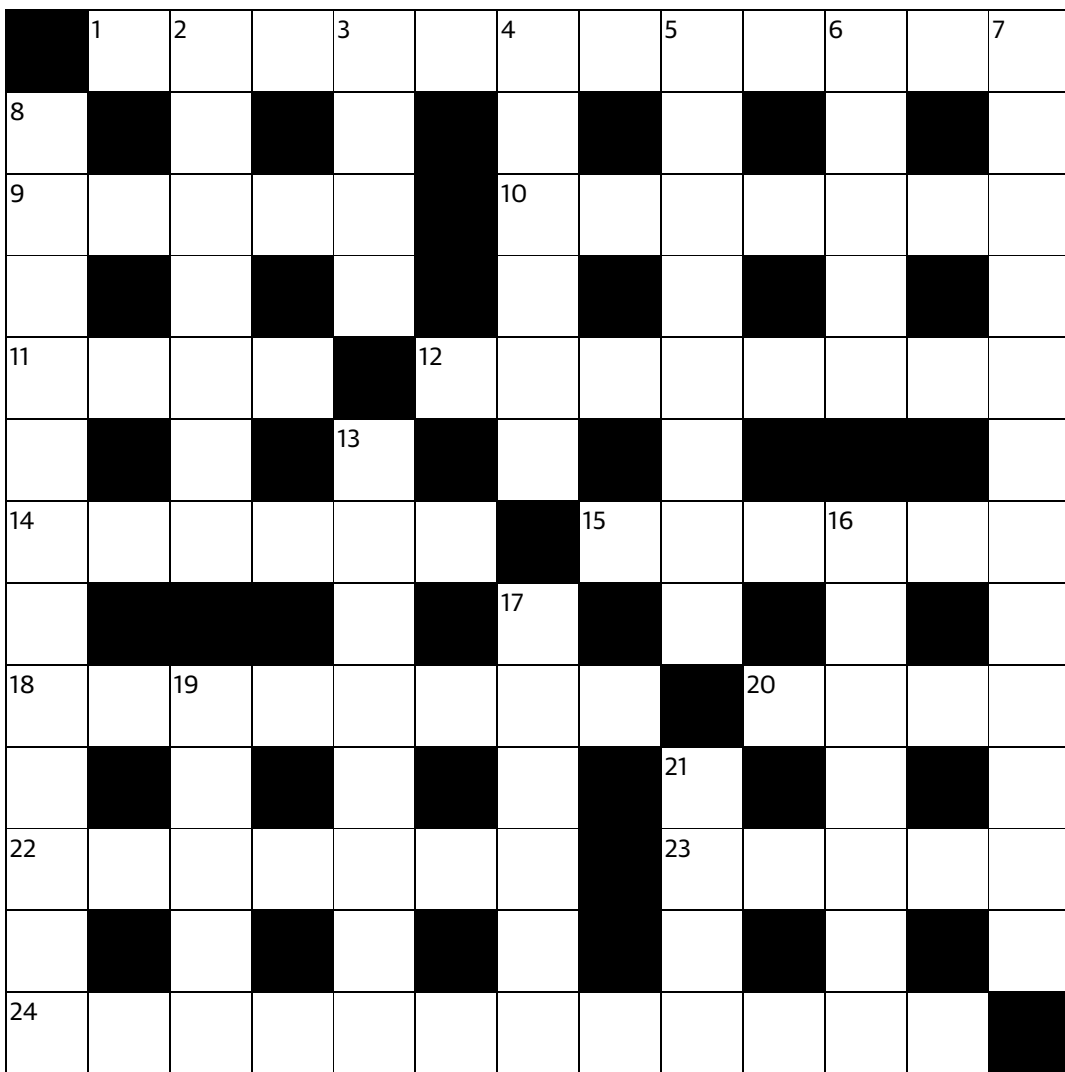
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- 1: Death (6)
4: Call off (6)
9: Free from pretence (7)
10: Pertaining to the moon (5)
11: Befitting a monarch (5)
12: Immoderate (7)
13: Bird - famous nurse (11)
18: Sceptre (anag) (7)
20: Sting - witty (5)
22: Indian soldier serving under British rule (5)
23: Not taking sides (7)
24: Decorous (6)
25: Small falcon (6)

Down

- 1: Abandon - wilderness (6)
2: Shabby - moth-eaten (5)
3: Surreptitious movement (7)
5: Distribute in portions (5)
6: Coagulate (7)
7: Storeroom for food (6)
8: Monk - nun - liqueur (11)
14: Tasteless (7)
15: Communicate through movement (7)
16: Decisive moment (6)
17: Pilfered (6)
19: North African country (5)
21: Month (5)



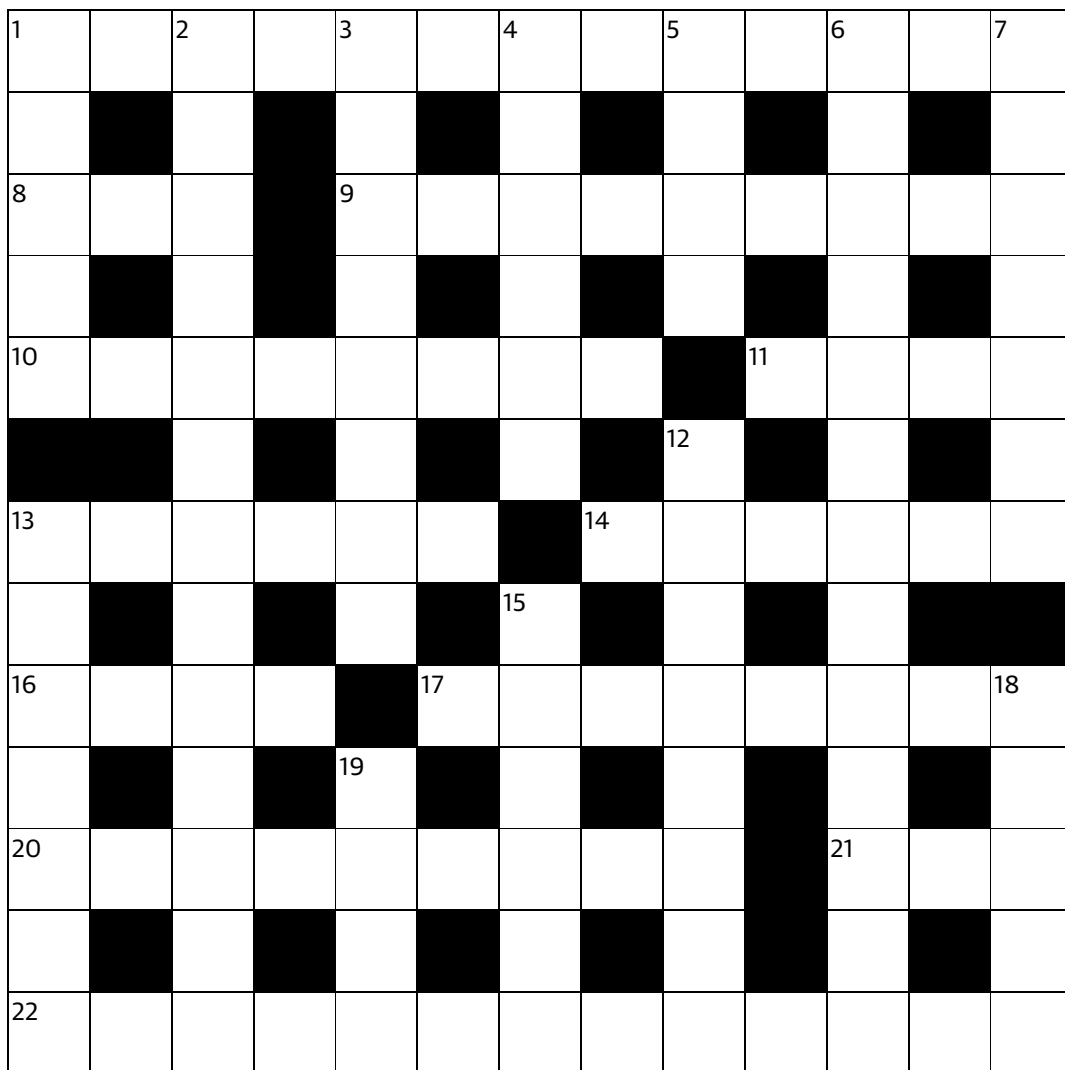
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- 1: Highly intoxicated (5,2,1,4)
- 9: Condition added to something already agreed (5)
- 10: Fourth book of the Bible (7)
- 11: City of southern France (4)
- 12: Hoodlum (8)
- 14: Fat processed for making candles (6)
- 15: Brook (6)
- 18: Demeanour (8)
- 20: Big cat (4)
- 22: Living (7)
- 23: Person acting on behalf of another (5)
- 24: Speak honestly (4,3,5)

Down

- 2: Car dial (anag) (7)
- 3: Emperor who played the fiddle (4)
- 4: Lasting for a year (6)
- 5: Omnipotent (8)
- 6: Observable (5)
- 7: Understand the difference (between) (12)
- 8: Come to a standstill (5,2,1,4)
- 13: Set in opposition (8)
- 16: Conspicuous (7)
- 17: Remain attached (to) (6)
- 19: Spin round (5)
- 21: Twosome (4)



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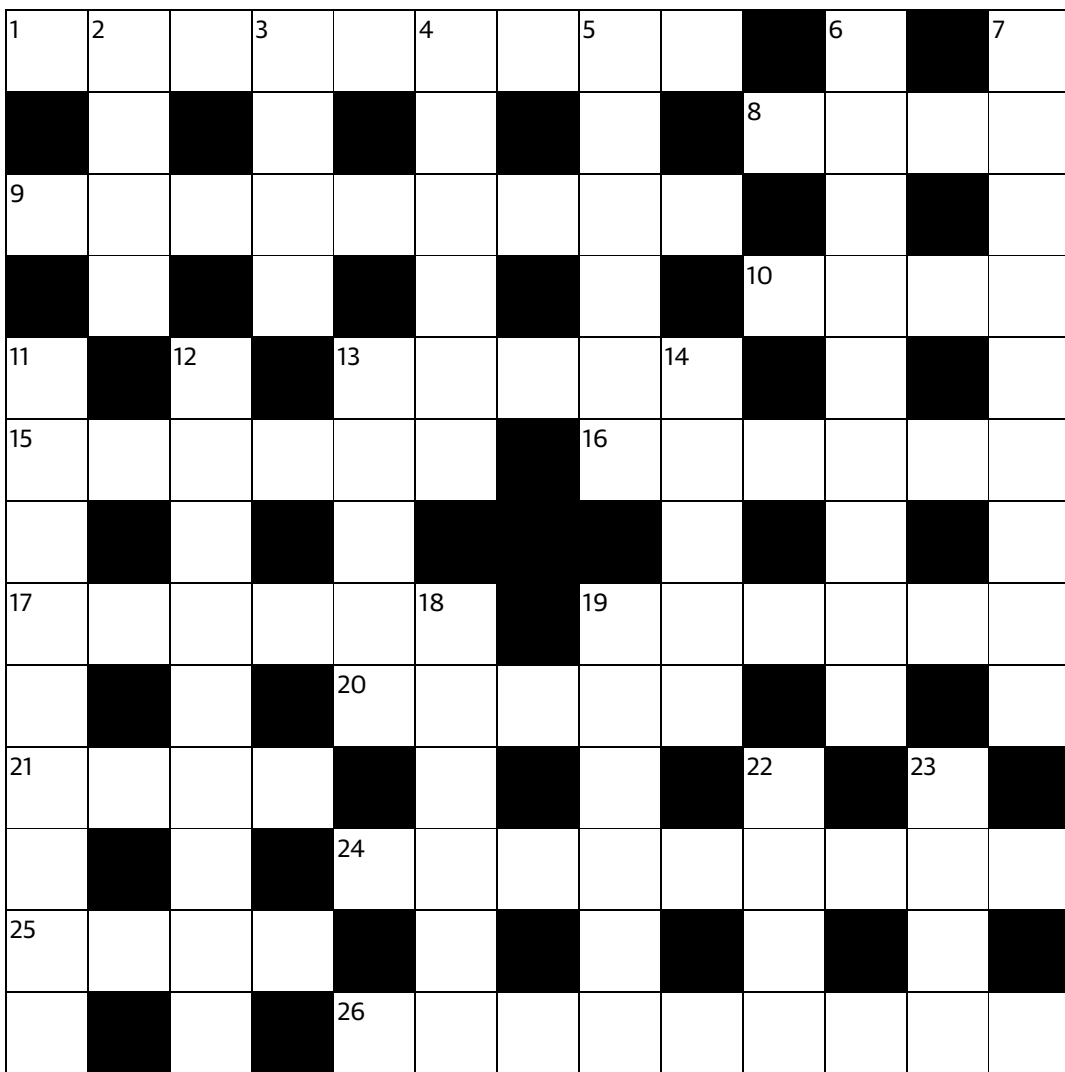
- 1: Confident to the point of impudence (2,4,2,5)
 8: Mountain pasture (3)
 9: 13th-century Venetian traveller (5,4)
 10: Distinction - high ground (8)
 11: Main tower of a medieval castle (4)
 13: Renowned (6)
 14: Natural gift (6)
 16: Prevalent (4)
 17: Naked (2,3,3)
 20: Article giving a newspaper's opinion (9)
 21: Enquire (3)
 22: Gain advantage over by underhand means (5,1,5,2)

Down

- 1: Old saying (5)
 2: Initiating ordeal (7,2,4)
 3: Exercise gently prior to much greater exertion (6,2)
 4: Continent (6)
 5: Stain (on one's character?) (4)
 6: Beyond criticism (5,8)
 7: Field event in athletics (4-3)
 12: Unmarried man (8)
 13: Surgical instrument (7)
 15: Sickly (6)
 18: Arouse (5)
 19: Kitty - game (4)

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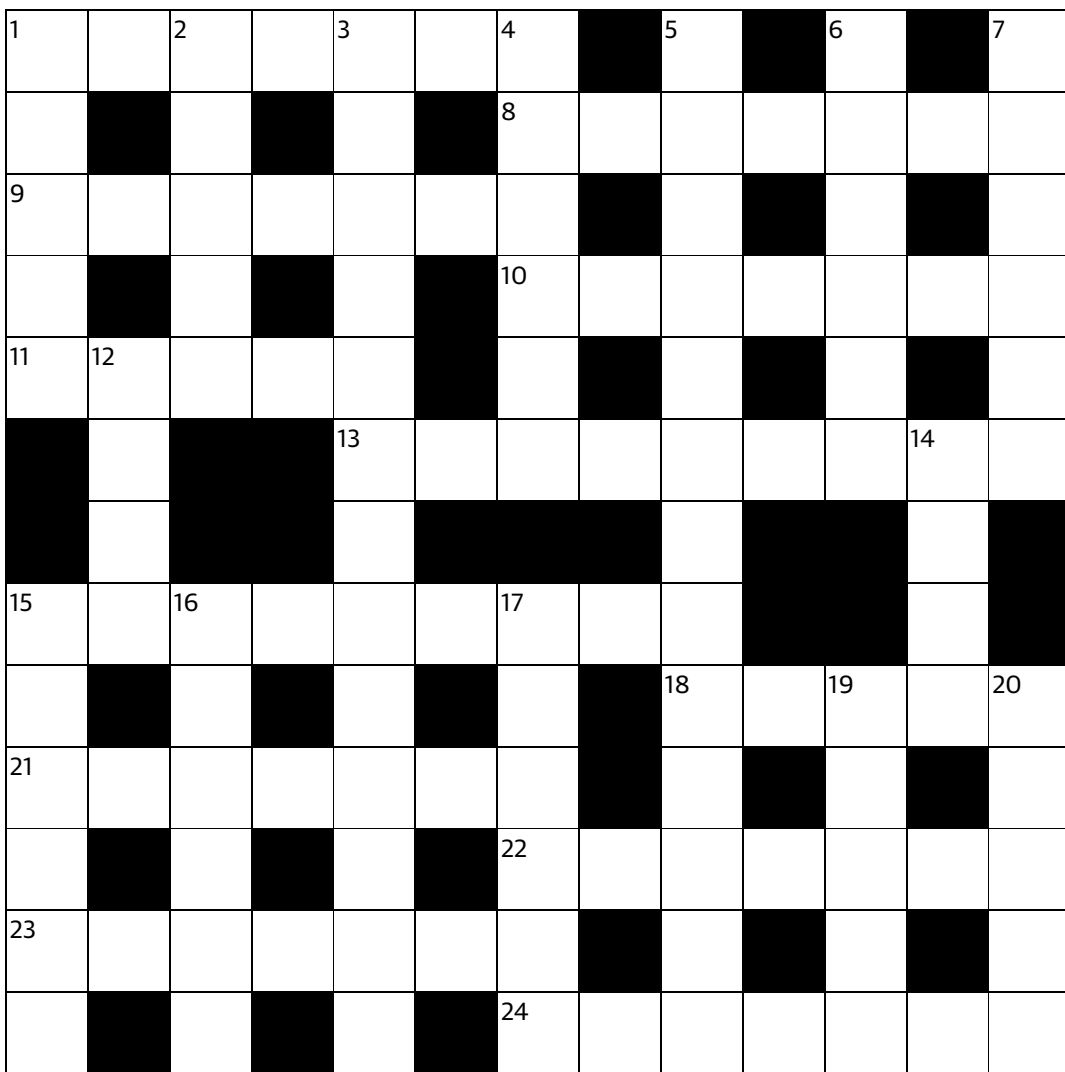
Across

- 1: Ruthlessness (9)
 8: Team game played with horses (4)
 9: Roman toys (anag) (9)
 10: Rotate (4)
 13: Small oar (5)
 15: With serenity (6)
 16: Capital of Taiwan (6)
 17: State of well-being (6)
 19: Burn slightly (6)
 20: Open land with scrubby vegetation (5)
 21: Quote as evidence (4)
 24: Free (2,7)
 25: Gain by labour (4)
 26: First version (of a device) built for development (9)

Down

- 2: Bread baked for babies (4)
 3: (The) horse-racing (world) (4)
 4: Extreme folly (6)
 5: Violent disturbance (6)
 6: Melodramatic TV serial (4,5)
 7: Blatant (9)
 11: Team game played with long sticks (3,6)
 12: Fool Tracy (anag) - relating to the sense of smell (9)
 13: One of the seven deadly sins (5)
 14: Deciduous conifer (5)
 18: Bully - Trojan warrior (6)
 19: Rigorous (6)
 22: Portable shelter (4)
 23: Pace (4)

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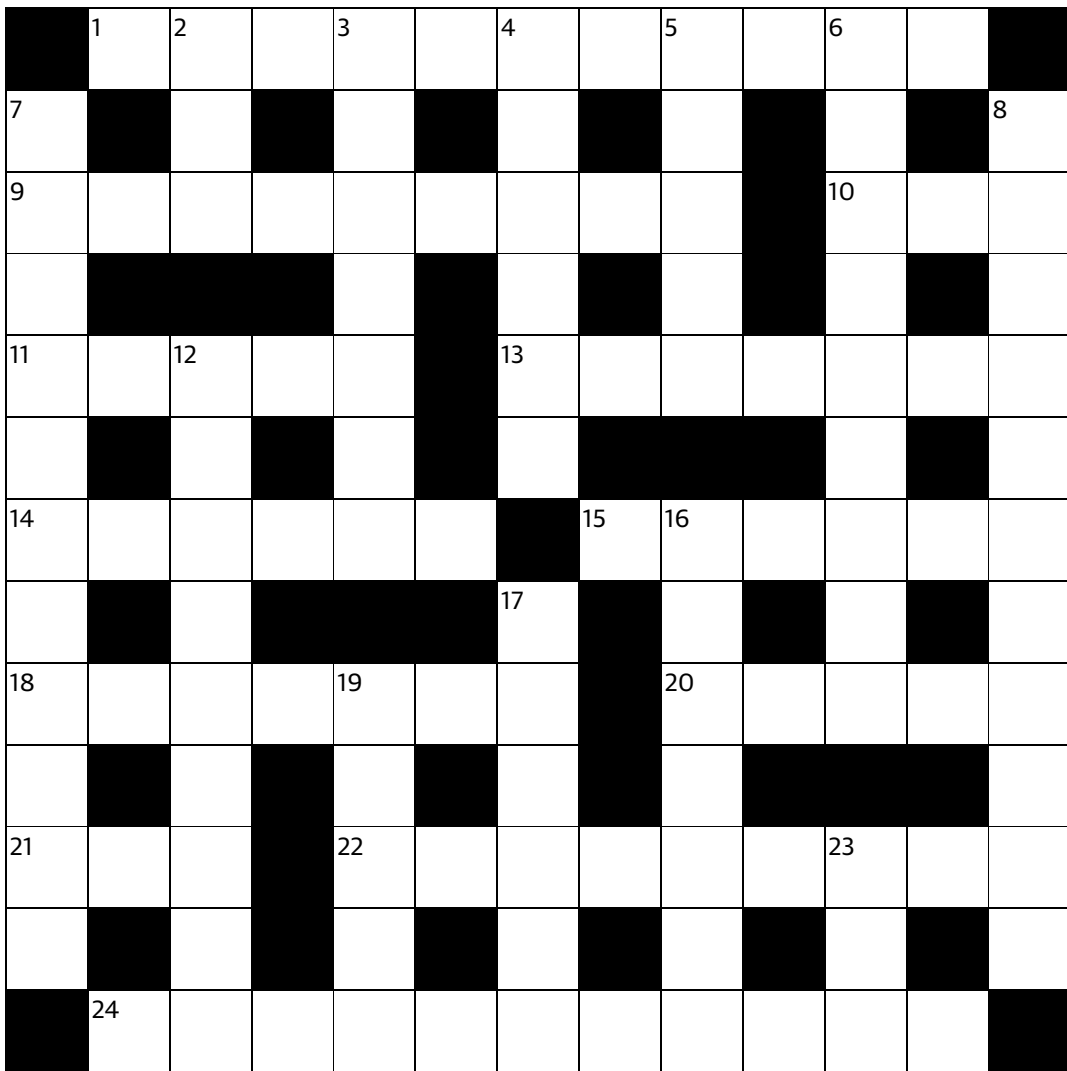
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- 1: Shortage of rainfall (7)
 8: Assist (4,3)
 9: Severe or strict in attitude (7)
 10: Word having the same meaning as another (7)
 11: Item of value (5)
 13: Stubborn (9)
 15: Storage for riders (9)
 18: Humid (5)
 21: Sinatra (anag) (7)
 22: Means of entry (7)
 23: Surround with armed forces (7)
 24: Raise in value or quality (7)

Down

- 1: Theatrical piece (5)
 2: Forces out of position (5)
 3: Large portable stereo (6,7)
 4: Essays on a theme (6)
 5: Prolonged exchange of insults (8,5)
 6: Part of the eye (6)
 7: Thwart - block - my site (anag) (6)
 12: Upholstered seat (4)
 14: Little children (4)
 15: Threadbare (6)
 16: Dislike intensely (6)
 17: Elasticised rope (6)
 19: From Des Moines? (5)
 20: Common herb (5)

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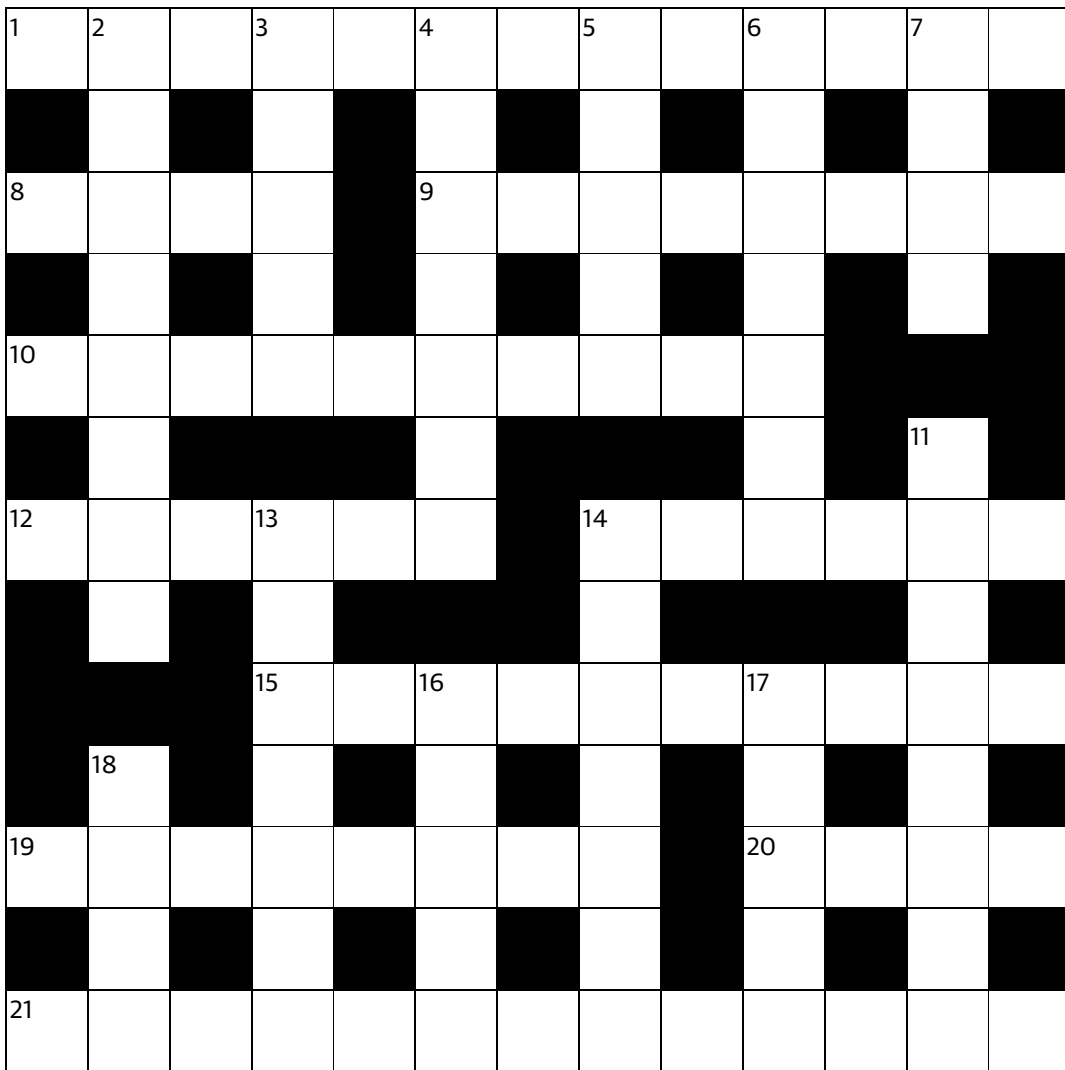
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- 1: Turn out to be useful (4,2,5)
9: Systematic list of items (9)
10: Cereal used for making whiskey (3)
11: Happen again (5)
13: Encourage - animate - draw into the lungs (7)
14: Cereal - French painter, d. 1875 (6)
15: In actual operation (6)
18: That's not a problem! (2,5)
20: Itinerant (5)
21: Female sheep (3)
22: Abundance (9)
24: Television (5,6)

Down

- 2: Decide (to do) (3)
3: Increase in size (7)
4: Small mug (6)
5: Regions (5)
6: Theory of evolution by natural selection (9)
7: Alarmist (11)
8: Interminable (5-6)
12: Amphitheatre built in ancient Rome (9)
16: Defeat (7)
17: Descends steeply (of a bird of prey) (6)
19: Drive out (5)
23: Eisenhower's nickname (3)

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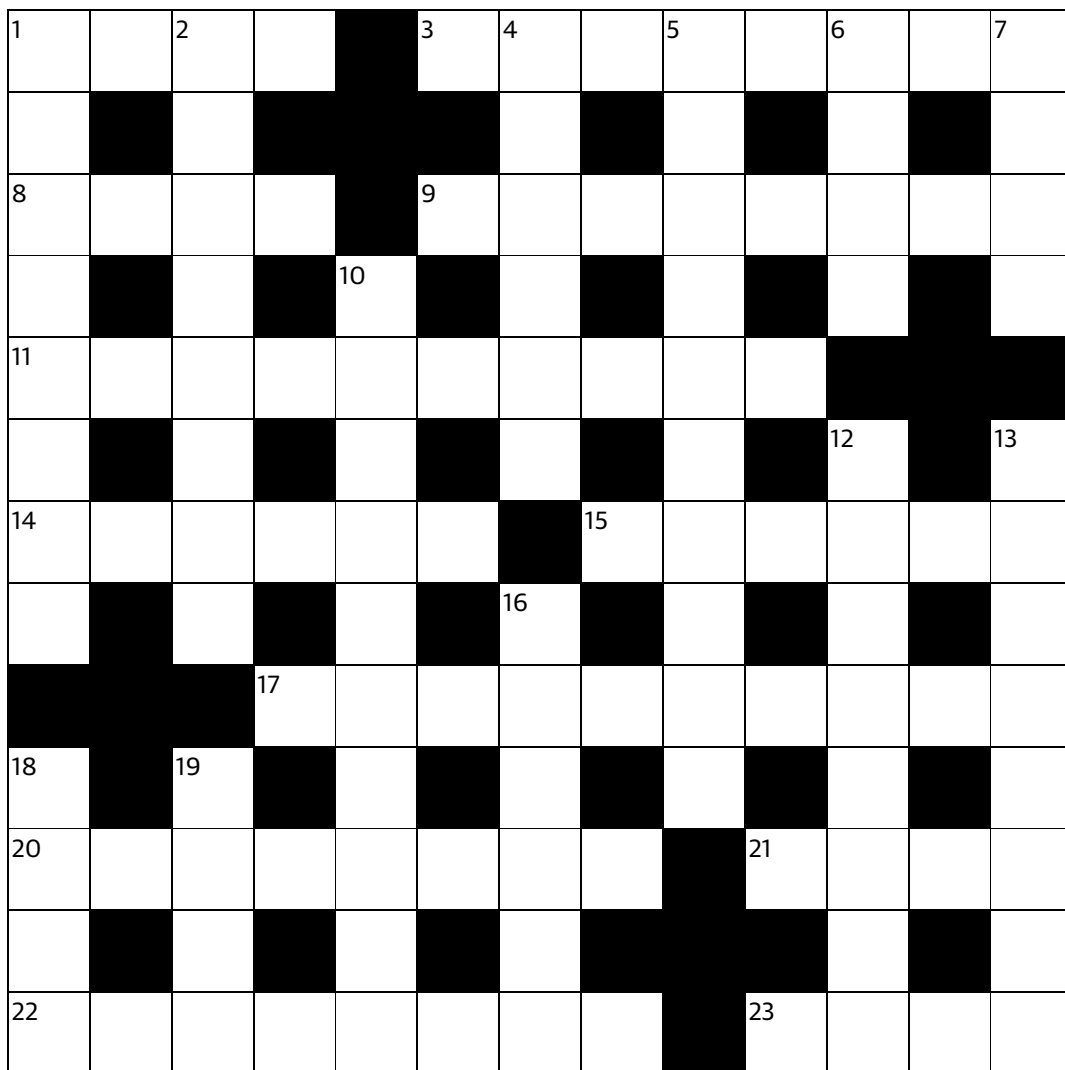
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- 1: Oscars (7,6)
 8: Bribe (slang) (4)
 9: Laid low (8)
 10: Lack of harmony (10)
 12: Decontaminate (6)
 14: Moving rapidly (6)
 15: If I were to express an opinion ... (3,2,5)
 19: Periodical publication (8)
 20: Accomplished (4)
 21: In a conclusive way (4,3,3,3)

Down

- 2: Prudent (8)
 3: French impressionist painter, d. 1917 (5)
 4: Building work in stone (7)
 5: Pinny (5)
 6: Toxophily (7)
 7: Consider (4)
 11: Hellish (8)
 13: Puff up (7)
 14: Blank page at the begin ning or end of a book (7)
 16: Niger (anag) (5)
 17: More strange (5)
 18: Young deer - colour (4)

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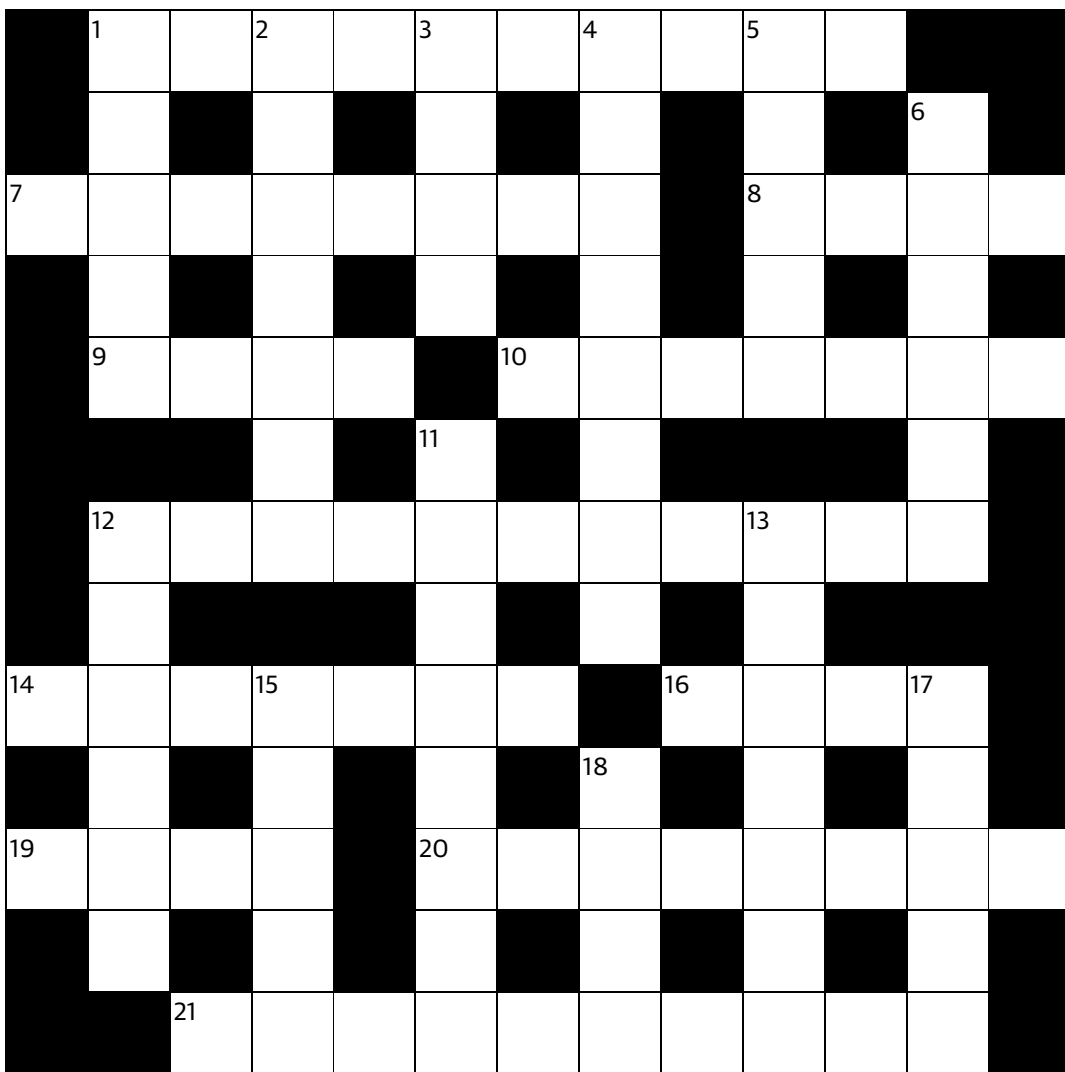
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- 1: Berkshire village with a long-serving, politically flexible 18th-century vicar (4)
 3: Christian clergyman attached to an institution, military body etc (8)
 8: Stupefied (4)
 9: Prison in Paris demolished in the Revolution (8)
 11: Seduce into wrongdoing (4,6)
 14: Edible shellfish (6)
 15: Personal integrity (6)
 17: Rejoicing (10)
 20: Protection for the lower legs (4,4)
 21: Code word for the letter G (4)
 22: Low spirits (8)
 23: Notice (4)

Down

- 1: Hostile feelings (3,5)
 2: Estimate (worth) - assess (performance) (8)
 4: Suit of cards (6)
 5: Greek mathematician (10)
 6: Confederate (4)
 7: Christmas (4)
 10: Someone who parachutes from high buildings etc (4,6)
 12: Pub game (8)
 13: Daddy-long-legs (5,3)
 16: Enlightenment (6)
 18: Second-hand (4)
 19: Execute (4)

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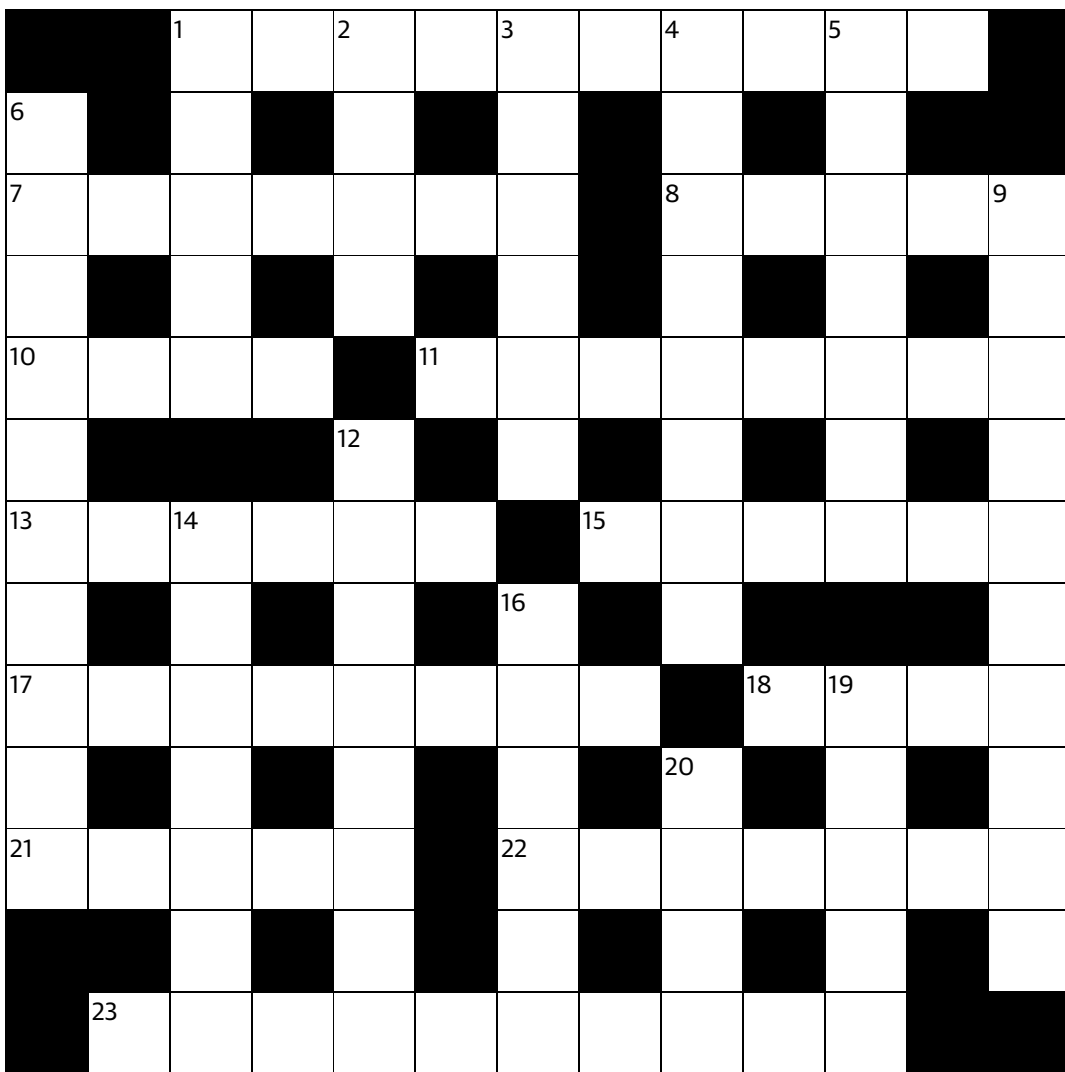
Across

- 1: Snob failed (anag) - extremely difficult situation (3,2,5)
 7: Most noisy and disorderly (8)
 8: Temporary state of mind (4)
 9: Capital of Ukraine (4)
 10: Three in one (7)
 12: Last but one (11)
 14: Maize whiskey (7)
 16: Unit of area - Israeli port (4)
 19: Circle (4)
 20: Unfriendly (8)
 21: Grudge (10)

Down

- 1: Archetypal name for a badger (5)
 2: Offended indignation (7)
 3: Worry - bar on the fingerboard of a stringed instrument (4)
 4: Small rocky object orbiting the sun - store aid (anag) (8)
 5: Fruit - as an answer it's unsatisfactory (5)
 6: Bump against (someone) roughly (6)
 11: Halogen gas (8)
 12: Irrational fear of something (6)
 13: Collection of records (7)
 15: Unprincipled person (5)
 17: Perform (5)
 18: Present (4)

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Across

- 1: Luscious (10)
 7: Thoroughly and comprehensively (2,5)
 8: True - just claim (5)
 10: Alcoholic drink (4)
 11: Facade (8)
 13: Not broadcast(ing) (3-3)
 15: Seamy (6)
 17: Printout (4,4)
 18: Herb commonly used with gravlax (4)
 21: Not so frequent (5)
 22: Is alert (anag) (7)
 23: Rich (4-6)

Down

- 1: Elude (5)
 2: What form the opening to the mouth (4)
 3: Tenth part of a Roman legion (6)
 4: Without method or conscious decision (2,6)
 5: Dawdler (7)
 6: Orwell's head of state in "Nineteen Eighty-four" (3,7)
 9: Surveying instrument (10)
 12: Instinctive - not reasoned (8)
 14: Without cost (3,4)
 16: Thinly spread (6)
 19: Epic Greek poem (5)
 20: Pedestrian shopping area (4)

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