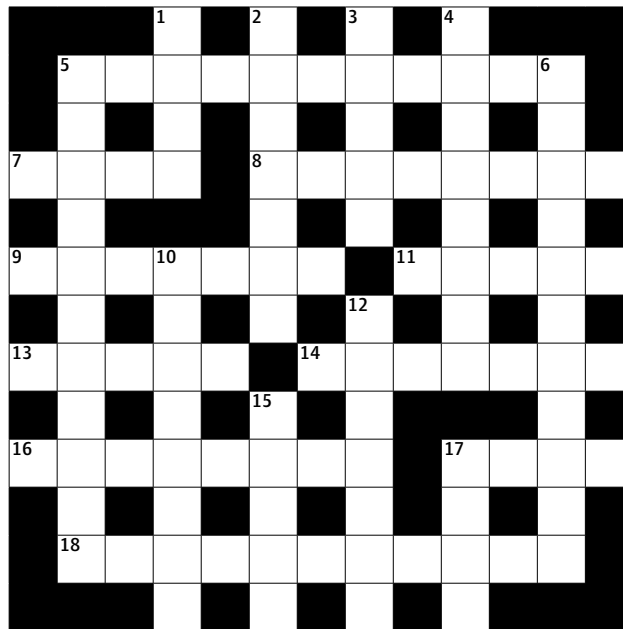


Quick crossword no 12,564



Across

- 5 Testify (to) (4,7)
 7 18 across musically –
 seductress (4)
 8 Realm (8)
 9 Stringed instrument (7)
 11 Mischievous child (5)
 13 Victor (slang) (5)
 14 Chorister's robe (7)
 16 Group of planes under one
 command (8)
 17 Security for release – part
 of a wicket (4)
 18 Ad lib (11)

- 17 Bubble up – inflamed
 swelling (4)

Down

- 1 Source of artificial light (4)
 2 Bandage – wrap (baby)
 tightly (7)
 3 Validation for a letter –
 tread heavily (5)
 4 Poor white farm labourers
 (US) (8)
 5 Payment slip, amount
 unspecified (5,6)
 6 Coin-fed device (4,7)
 10 Thrash – reprimand
 severely (8)
 12 Platform on a mast of a
 square-rigger – I'm on tap
 (anag) (7)
 15 Tread heavily (5)

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