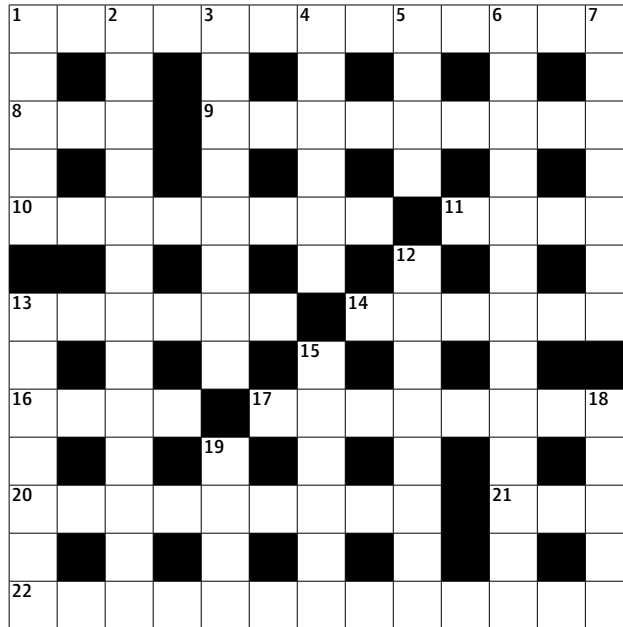


Quick crossword no 12,624



Across

- 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)

- 12** Unmarried man (8)
13 Surgical instrument (7)
15 Sickly (6)
18 Arouse (5)
19 Kitty – game (4)

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)

Solution no 12,623

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