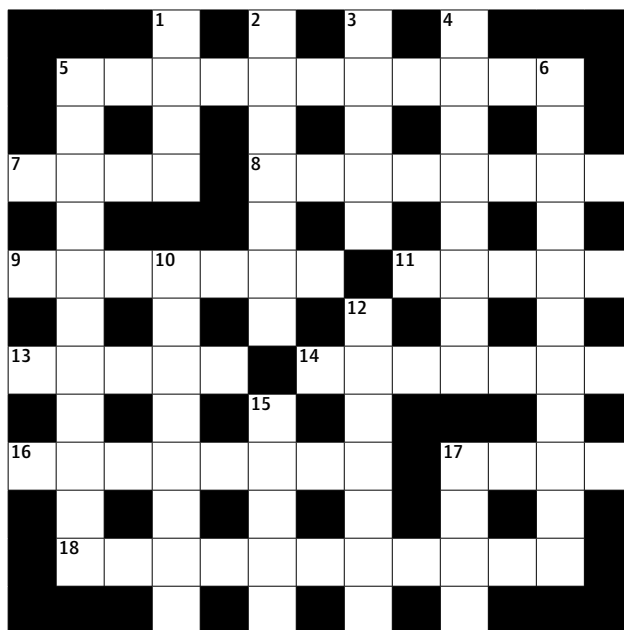


Quick crossword no 12,744



Across

- 5 Stamp collector (11)
- 7 Venerated person (or thing) (4)
- 8 Duress (8)
- 9 Melodious (7)
- 11 Team game (5)
- 13 Coats (anag) – racecourse (5)
- 14 Untidiness (7)
- 16 Mythical strongman – he’s cruel (anag) (8)
- 17 Manage (4)
- 18 Spread malicious gossip (informal) (4,3,4)

Down

- 1 Large commercial oven (4)
- 2 Greek god of wine (7)
- 3 Brightest star in Cygnus (5)
- 4 Nobleman (8)
- 5 Accelerate (4,2,5)
- 6 Place where difficulties regularly occur (7,4)
- 10 Drive out (a spirit) (8)
- 12 Cosmetic applied to the cheeks (7)
- 15 Musical instrument – wineglass (5)
- 17 Stylish (4)

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