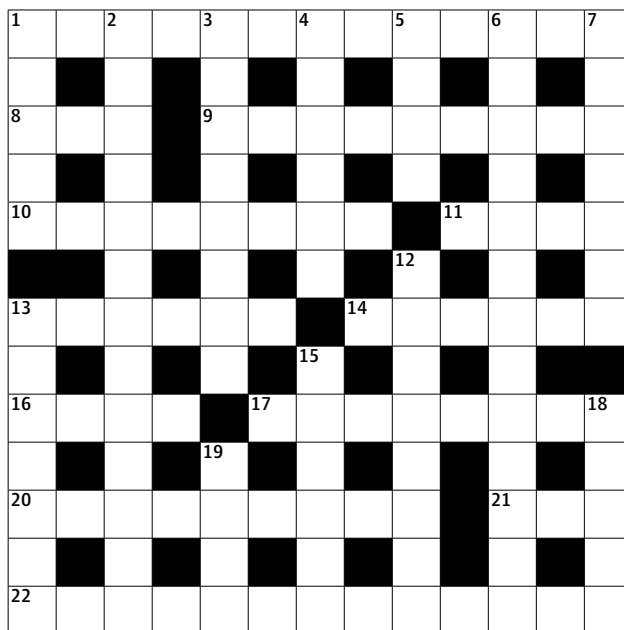


## Quick crossword no 12,768



### Across

- 1** Loss of confidence in one's 40s or 50s, perhaps? (7,6)  
**8** Little green vegetable (3)  
**9** Messing about (as a steed?) (9)  
**10** Church's policy (8)  
**11** Great enthusiasm (4)  
**13** Portly (6)  
**14** Sheila from Sydney, perhaps? (6)  
**16** Hello sailor! (4)  
**17** Relating to deep feelings – claviers (anag) (8)  
**20** Ragtime piano music (5-4)  
**21** Charged particle (3)  
**22** Carbon dioxide, say (10,3)

- 12** Iced confections served in little foil or paper containers (8)  
**13** Inconsiderate driver (4,3)  
**15** Professional male escort (6)  
**18** Golf course by the sea (5)  
**19** Greenish-blue (4)

### Down

- 1** Vehicle – was blue (5)  
**2** Temporary stock market recovery (4,3,6)  
**3** Existing permanently in something (8)  
**4** Job usually involving a short trip (6)  
**5** Dance (with cotton on it?) (4)  
**6** Use of the internet by older people – revising furls (anag) (6,7)  
**7** Shade (seen above?) (3,4)

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