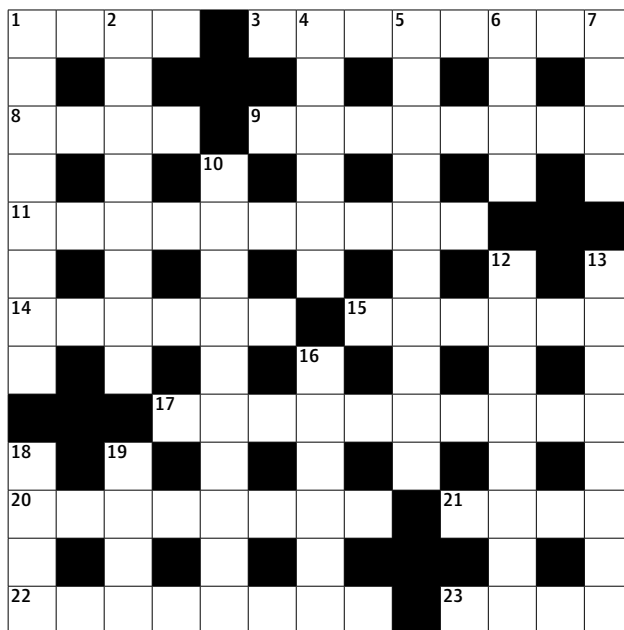


## Quick crossword no 12,881



### Across

- 1 Desert of Mongolia and northern China (4)
- 3 Best bib and tucker (4,4)
- 8 Lacking any legally binding force (4)
- 9 Animal with a sting in its tail (8)
- 11 Upside down (5-5)
- 14 Whirlpool (6)
- 15 Butt of a comic's jokes (6)
- 17 English football club (5,5)
- 20 US state, capital Lincoln (8)
- 21 Bubbles in champagne? (4)
- 22 Prepare oneself (3,5)
- 23 In this place (4)

- 12 Hot medical dressing (8)
- 13 Impress with brilliance (or bright light?) (8)
- 16 Very tired (6)
- 18 Kiss and cuddle (4)
- 19 Touch on (4)

### Down

- 1 (In grammar) the possessive case (8)
- 2 (Of a figure) approximate (8)
- 4 Garden where Aristotle taught philosophy – London theatre (6)
- 5 Imitative of the work of another (10)
- 6 Continent (4)
- 7 Drop in the ocean? (4)
- 10 Worldwide computer environment (10)

### Solution no 12,880

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