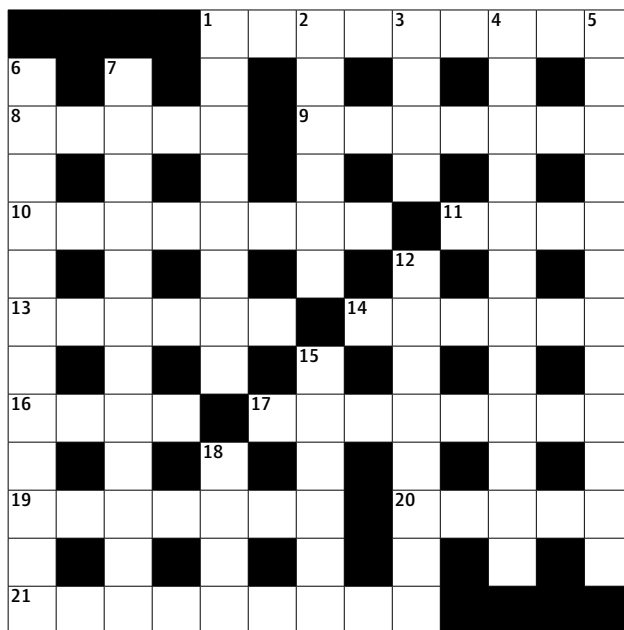


Quick crossword no 12,976



Across

- 1** Internecine competition (3,3,3)
- 8** Lots (of piles?) (5)
- 9** Rowing event (7)
- 10** Similarity – faithful portrait (8)
- 11** Heavy sound (4)
- 13** XC (6)
- 14** Oriental temple (6)
- 16** Characteristic of camel (4)
- 17** Device to keep footwear in good shape (8)
- 19** Basis of porridge (7)
- 20** Have an obligation (to) (5)
- 21** Criterion – means of measuring (9)

- 12** Where detailed written records are kept by, say, doctors (8)
- 15** Hot stuff (though it sounds cold) (6)
- 18** Church seating (4)

Down

- 1** Lack of agreement (8)
- 2** Showy (6)
- 3** Primitive non-flowering, mainly aquatic, plant (4)
- 4** Bottle (resulting from bottle?) (5,7)
- 5** Close ancestors (12)
- 6** Benevolence towards humanity (12)
- 7** Device to prevent cars being left indefinitely on street (7,5)

Solution no 12,975

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