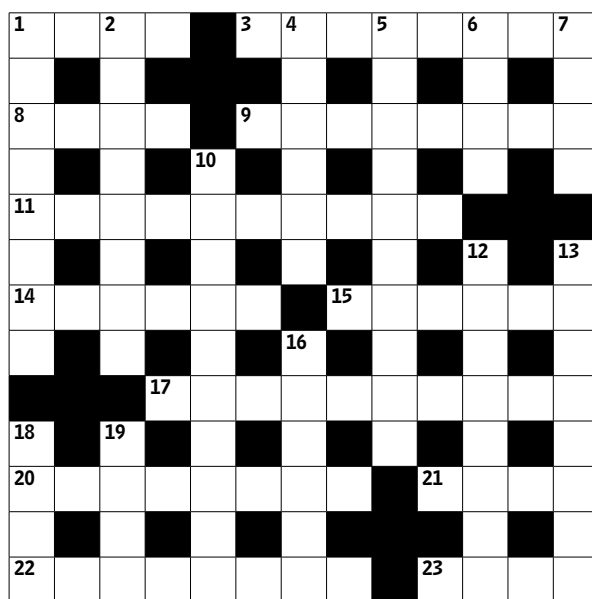


SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 960



SOLUTION NO. 959

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ACROSS

- 1 Smidgen (4)
- 3 Recently discovered (8)
- 8 Partially carbonised vegetable matter used as a fuel when dried (4)
- 9 White marking on the lower part of a horse's leg (8)
- 11 Brought into existence magically; evoked (8,2)
- 14 Soft yellow substance secreted by glands of a certain organ (6)
- 15 Reflexive form of an inanimate third person pronoun (6)
- 17 Stop it!; Don't mess about! (inf) (5,2,3)
- 20 In the open air (8)
- 21 Hurt badly (4)
- 22 Artificially supply land with water (8)

- 23 Lawyers' charges (4)

DOWN

- 1 Had an effect upon (8)
- 2 Coaches: leisure footwear (8)
- 4 Favourable regard (6)
- 5 Recognise and prepare to endure some ordeal (4,2,2,2)
- 6 Building block (4)
- 7 Understands or approves (1950s slang) (4)
- 10 Get ace rugs (anag) (7,3)
- 12 Vibrate sympathetically (8)
- 13 Frequently, at short intervals (arch/poetic) (8)
- 16 Black and white Eurasian long-legged wading bird (6)
- 18 South Asian garment (variant spelling) (4)
- 19 Many miles away (4)