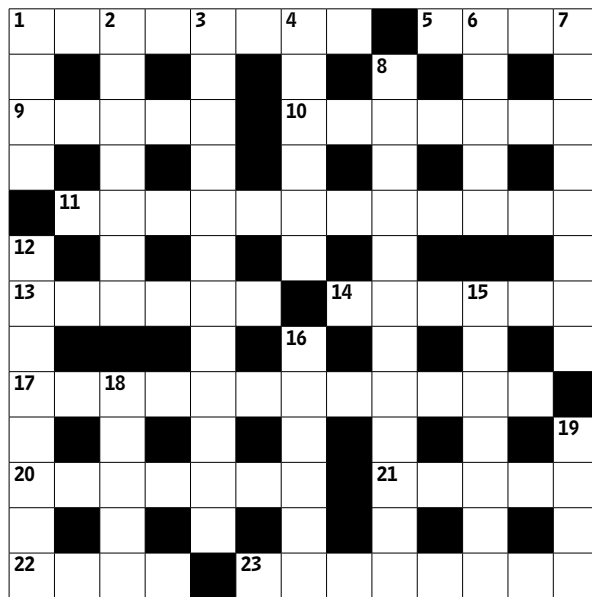


## SPEEDY CROSSWORD NO. 970



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### ACROSS

- 1 Occur together (8)
- 5 Jazz singing (4)
- 9 Symbol, emblem (5)
- 10 Marvel (7)
- 11 Unexceptional (3-2-3-4)
- 13 Even the score (6)
- 14 Crowd (6)
- 17 Thriftlessness (12)
- 20 Abstraction (7)
- 21 Hint, suggest (5)
- 22 Test (4)
- 23 Enhance (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Quote (4)
- 2 Butt in (7)
- 3 Area of agreement (6,6)
- 4 Downgrade (6)
- 6 Succulents (5)
- 7 Religious study (8)
- 8 Coasting (12)
- 12 Steep in seasoning (8)
- 15 Back of the head (7)
- 16 Ancient vessel (6)
- 18 Italian cooking staple (5)
- 19 Orison (4)