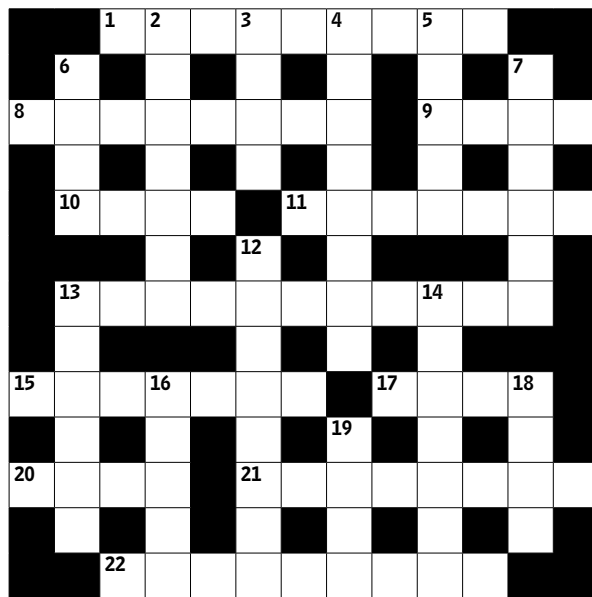


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ACROSS

- 1 Surplus fat on the midriff (5,4)
- 8 Debris (8)
- 9 Applaud (4)
- 10 Consider (4)
- 11 Womankind (4,3)
- 13 Inactive type (5,6)
- 15 Mollify (7)
- 17 Brass instrument (4)
- 20 Stern, humourless (4)
- 21 Gifted (8)
- 22 Arrive uninvited (4-5)

DOWN

- 2 Newcomer (7)
- 3 Ceremony (4)
- 4 Person with a will (8)
- 5 Happen again (5)
- 6 Lascivious (4)
- 7 Summerhouse (6)
- 12 Men's formal dress (5,3)
- 13 Immature (6)
- 14 Former pupil (7)
- 16 Papal court (5)
- 18 Assert (4)
- 19 Obscure (4)