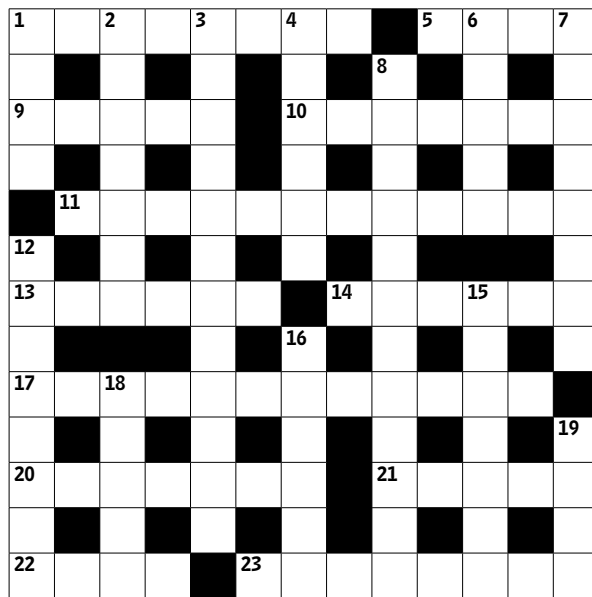


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ACROSS

- 1 Floor above (8)
- 5 Highest level or degree attainable (4)
- 9 Pre-Christian Celtic priest (5)
- 10 So Capril! (anag) (7)
- 11 Carnivorous plant of the Carolinas (5,7)
- 13 Strong regular repeated pattern of sound (6)
- 14 Past tense of 'shall' (6)
- 17 Without a permanent address (2,5,5)
- 20 Castle, especially in France (7)
- 21 Well-remembered proverb or saying (5)
- 22 Narrow strip of wood used as backing for plasterwork (4)
- 23 Blood feud (8)

DOWN

- 1 Bring to ruin (4)
- 2 Flummox (7)
- 3 Author of *Brave New World* (1932) (6,6)
- 4 Act of fraud or swindle (inf) (3-3)
- 6 Head of a university faculty or department (5)
- 7 Exciting, perhaps mischievous, adventure (8)
- 8 Be discarded, rejected, ignored, forgotten (2,2,3,5)
- 12 Socratic method of discussion, professing ignorance (8)
- 15 Ascent of air (7)
- 16 Advance evidence for (6)
- 18 Saint's day, for example (5)
- 19 Second letter of the Greek alphabet (4)