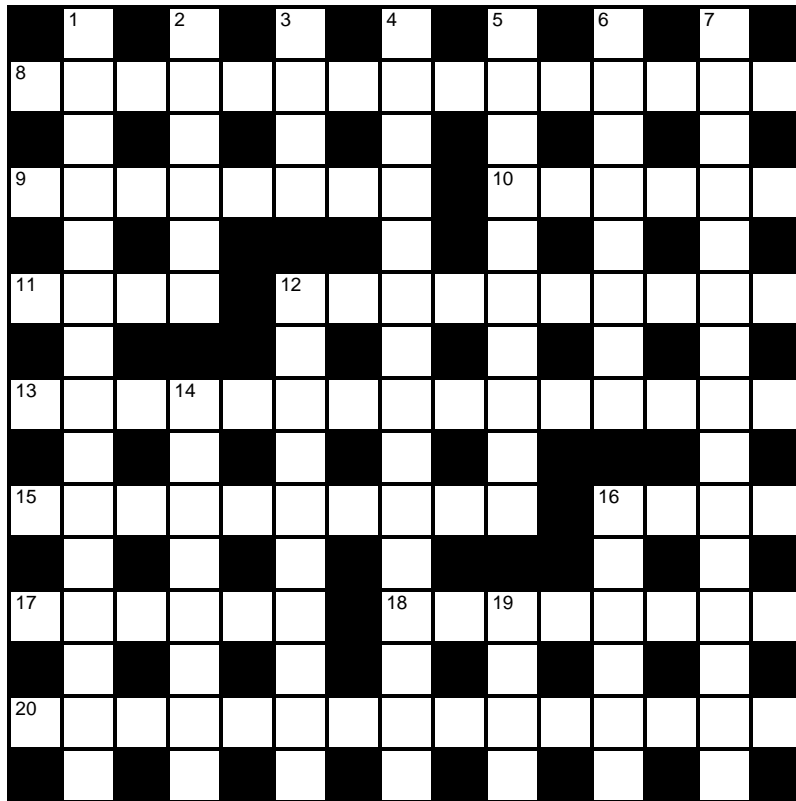


Cryptic Crossword No. 99



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Across

- 8 They could start with who creates allusive wordplay (8,7)
- 9 Hot-headed victor got unexpectedly laconic (8)
- 10 Young flier is permitted after age is adjusted (6)
- 11 Outwardly exhausted and generally extremely nervous (4)
- 12 Autodidactic thug felt as awkward (4-6)
- 13 Husband gripped by foolish case of sloth then joining with hesitation (15)
- 15 Loud then quiet conversations about right diagram (10)
- 16 Dad's sister's tuna salad (4)
- 17 Jewish town is beginning to sympathize with the alternative theatrical fringe (6)
- 18 Seem confused after retired copper says sorry (6,2)
- 20 Criminal goes to Greek island with forests and cities (8,7)

Down

- 1 Younger of two siblings getting cover for senility (6,9)
- 2 Bow during ironic call to arms (3,3)
- 3 Oven's unlikely contents rising (4)
- 4 Furiously clean her nippers' classroom equipment (6,9)
- 5 New enlistee pursues 150 sets of customers (10)
- 6 People that cannot agree are keen to welcome judicious union leaders (4,4)
- 7 A means of getting hold of someone's peel on the bananas' bunch (9,6)
- 12 Islands come out with bombs, so we're told (10)
- 14 Author's order concerning new chapter with strange ending (8)
- 16 Allocate under the name of Leo, possibly (6)
- 19 Stick tip of lance into young animal (4)