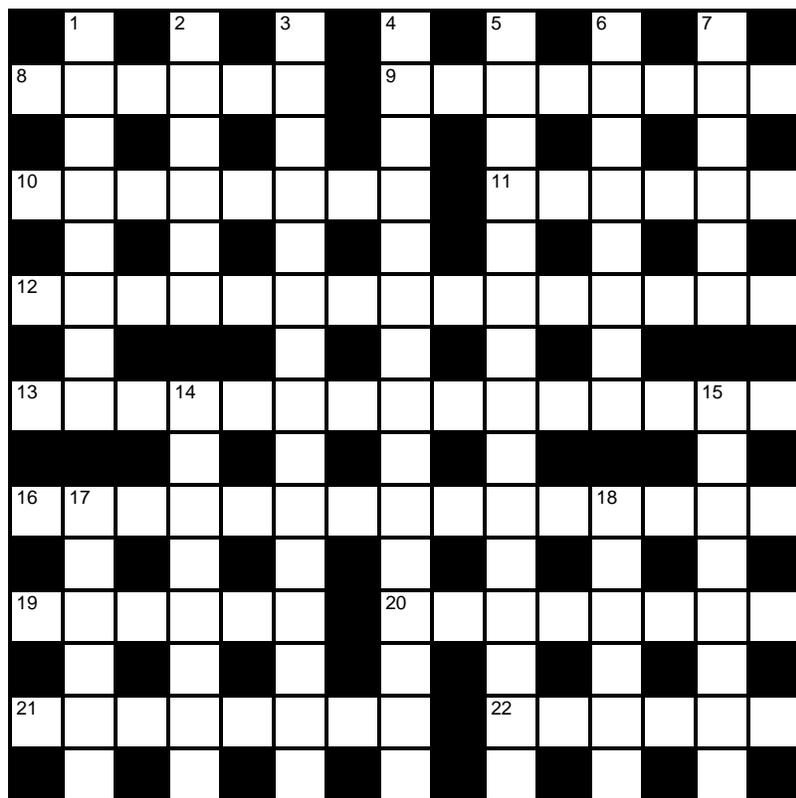


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Across

- 8 Flowery speaking by loud beginner (6)
- 9 The French heroes tackled this maritime threat (3,5)
- 10 Bread roll of accountant and 100 spies (8)
- 11 In charge of retrograde step for the Arctic, perhaps (3,3)
- 12 Note the dreadfully crass mirth, Nick (6,9)
- 13 Intolerance to entrance of suburban shopping precinct worried head (5-10)
- 16 Mother's wise to dangerous surroundings for king's brothels (7,8)
- 19 One temporarily taking possession of worker without trouble (6)
- 20 Swear it's broken the server (8)
- 21 Hens in US adapted to good weather (8)
- 22 Elements of sales service were not so great (6)

Down

- 1 Spooner's abnormal growth elicits too many words (8)
- 2 Anger surrounds the latest flower arrangement (6)
- 3 Vote or get manic version of a force (15)
- 4 Chloride of lime had bowl creeping away (9,6)
- 5 The very thing! (8,7)
- 6 Scare after accepting rate change (8)
- 7 Ships bottled by vicar, Madam? (6)
- 14 Drowsy and wanting a menu? (8)
- 15 Drew attention to risen puddings (8)
- 17 You can count on it to bring together sailor, accountant, you and me (6)
- 18 Deluge of unexpected honours lacking nothing (6)