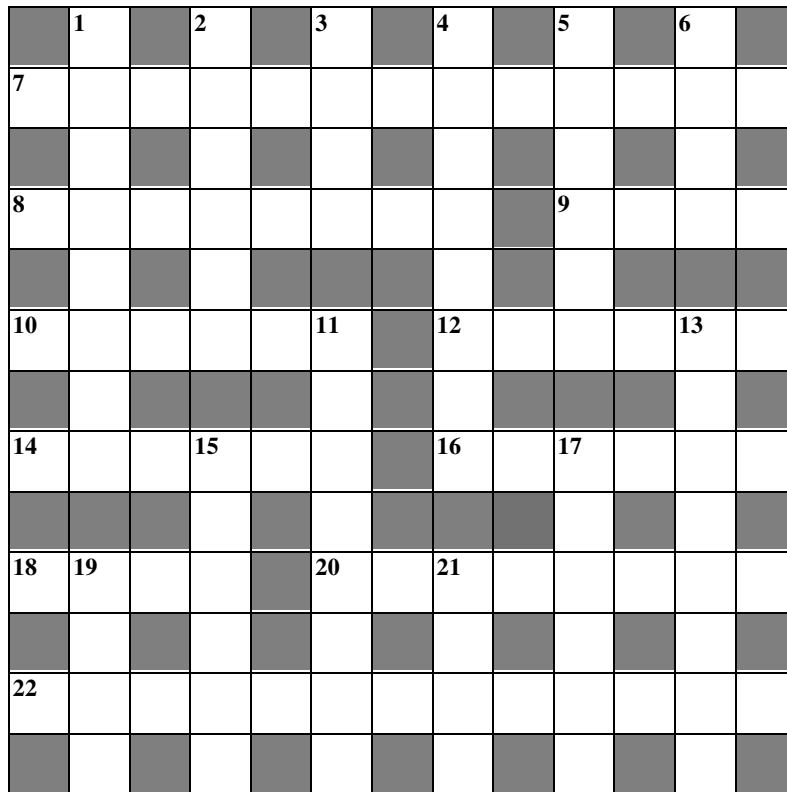


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Across

- 7 Titanic bar ale, strangely effective against microbes. (13)
- 8 Attendant with her hair in a braid begins with a bow, palms together, Thai style. (8)
- 9 It's accurate: priority is to junction meeting street in France. (4)
- 10 Sensitive exotic herb evoked by endless silent gesticulation, then nothing until South Africa. (6)
- 12 Before very long, we find a chap can cope. (6)
- 14 Is a cry before the Spanish line showing where there are equal amounts of sunshine?(6)
- 16 This is nothing — not around such a cry of disgust. (6)
- 18 Maori mystic power revealed in front of a man? (4)
- 20 Naïve credulity of seabird near French island around Belgium.(8)
- 22 Why PM goes to palace in Seay poem. (2,3,3,5)

Down

- 1 Formic, *inter alia*? Heartburn relief! (8)
- 2 French fast food place? Again? Too much; not *quiet*.(6)
- 3 Nice with icing on, in Canada and Kenya. (4)
- 4 Ancient Greek theatre song for DDR police shortly after the weekend. (8)
- 5 Bent or altered somehow, perhaps from Quimper. (6)
- 6 Both antipodean lands briefly involved in Mugabe's party. (4)
- 11 Papal envoy in news scandal about his powers and competence? (8)
- 13 Has glove off, but can share equally. (2,6)
- 15 Vomit toward the north in paradise. (6)
- 17 College briefly, before ... what? Spanish! It's one of a kind. (6)
- 19 Indivisible element when the piper played 440Hz before his son. (4)
- 21 Falsehoods! That is, in Lesotho. (4)