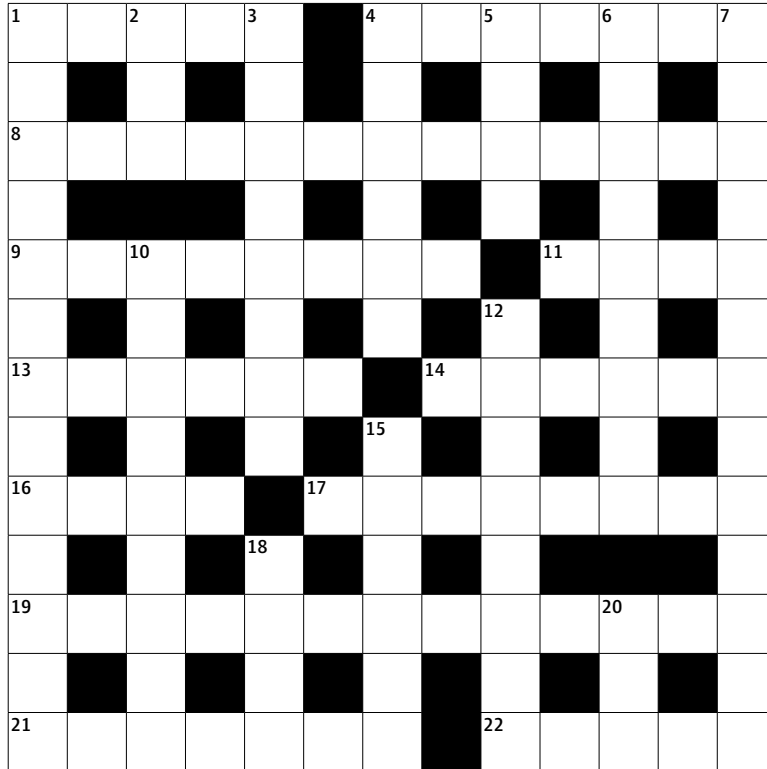


Quick crossword no 17,512



Across

- 1** Last Greek letter (5)
4 Widespread coniferous trees of distinctive conical shape (7)
8 Informed estimate (8,5)
9 Its capital is Bridgetown (8)
11 'Spumanti' wine town (4)
13 At work (2,4)
14 Into stones, crystals etc (3-3)
16 Event with paces, pistols and seconds (4)
17 Ruby anniversary (8)
19 Composure (5,5,3)
21 From the late 1940s, say (4-3)
22 Contract the brows in a threatening or angry manner (5)

Down

- 1** Bedouins' loops (anag) - someone wants a fight (4,5,2,2)
2 Largest living bird after the ostrich (3)
3 Alternative to *prix fixe* (1,2,5)
4 I'm off! (3,3)
5 Starting point on road to riches? (4)
6 Match with mates (5,4)

7 Location for frescoes by Botticelli (7,6)

- 10** Parachute regiment or Man U (3,6)
12 Like some modern 'beefburgers' (8)
15 Lethargy (6)
18 Not many (1,3)
20 Card game - facilities (3)

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