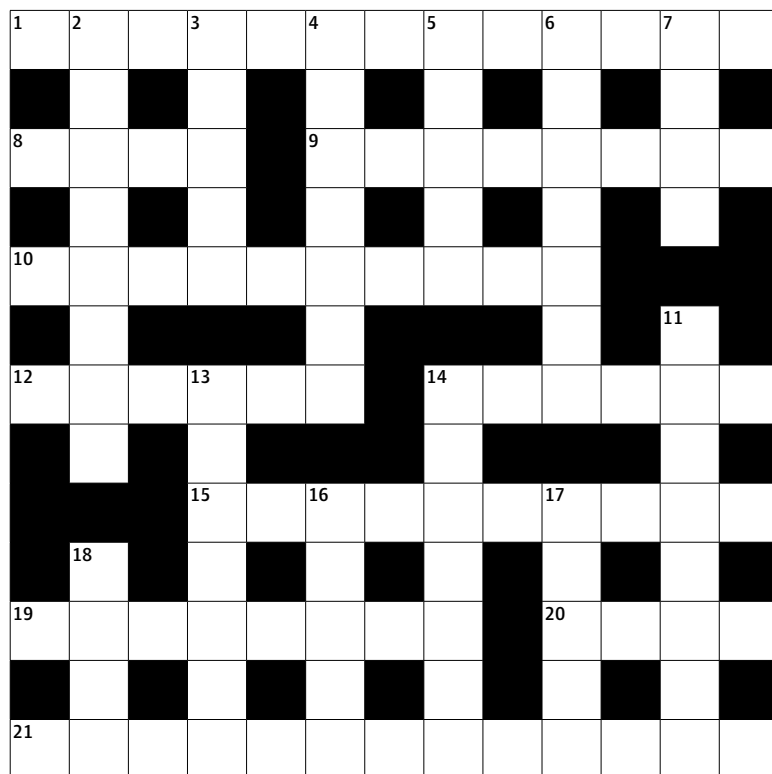


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Across

- 1** Focus (13)
8 Brass, boy or big? (4)
9 Starving (8)
10 Raised deck at the front of a ship -
 clearest of (anag) (10)
12 Fumbled shot (6)
14 Trivial matter (6)
15 UK parliament's emblem (10)
19 Peak pudding? (8)
20 Gallagher or Coward? (4)
21 Futility (13)

18 Working-class, local or folk? (4)

Down

- 2** Haydn's *The Creation*, say (8)
3 Specialist team (5)
4 Tell a story (7)
5 Metal fastening (5)
6 Most nerve-racking (7)
7 Work of art (4)
11 Lacking compassion (8)
13 Cartoon punchline / label (7)
14 *The ____ of Malfi*, John Webster
 play (7)
16 Majestic (5)
17 Natural fabric prone to creasing (5)

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