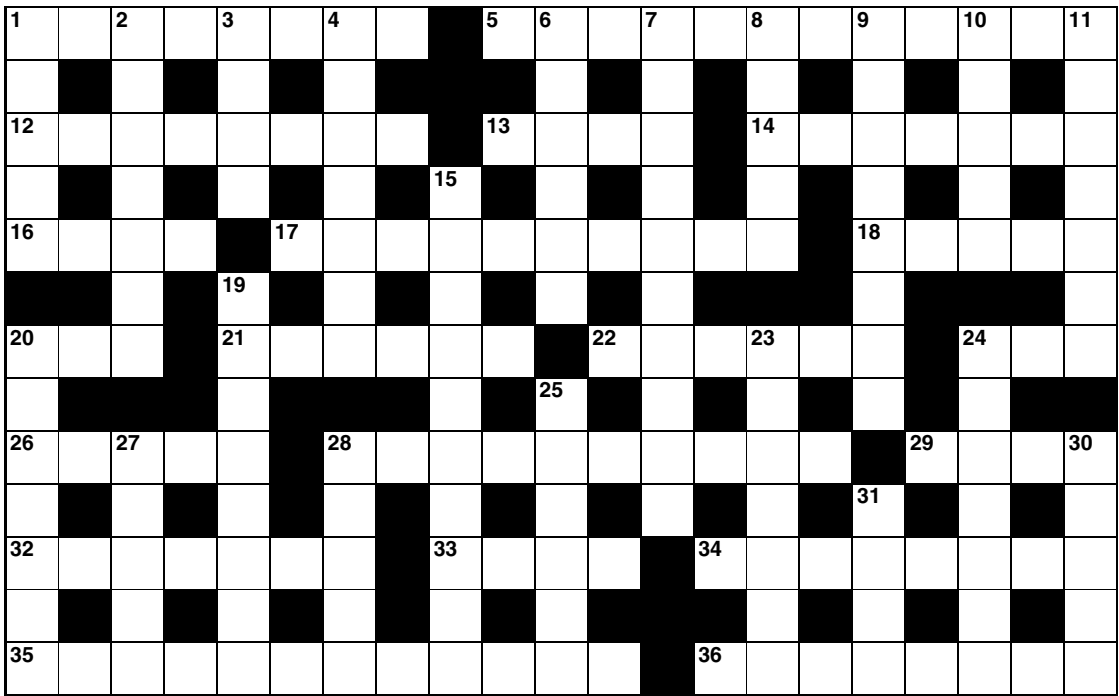


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**ACROSS**

- 1 Lacking decisiveness (8)
- 5 Interpret (a foreign word) wrongly (12)
- 12 Used a ruler to find the length of (8)
- 13 Nautical speed unit (4)
- 14 Ramshackle, dilapidated (2,5)
- 16 Slowly leak water (4)
- 17 Severity, rigour (10)
- 18 Outdoor bowling surface (5)
- 20 Plastic carrier (3)
- 21 Mind, self (6)
- 22 Deadly, fatal (6)
- 24 Mimic (3)
- 26 Yield (to a superior) (5)
- 28 Fasteners for stockings (10)
- 29 Hasty kiss (4)
- 32 Imperviousness to light (7)
- 33 Thread (4)
- 34 Unspecified person (8)
- 35 Down-to-earth (6-2-4)
- 36 Come down in favour of (6,2)

DOWN

- 1 Clammy (5)
- 2 Sizzling, scorching (7)
- 3 Sightseeing journey (4)
- 4 Road sign (2,5)
- 6 Hereditary, congenital (6)
- 7 Ownership documents (5,5)
- 8 Awry (5)
- 9 Tussle (8)
- 10 Come about (5)
- 11 Concentrated extract (7)
- 15 Be unwilling to become involved with (5,3,2)
- 19 Estimate the worth of (8)
- 20 Place for sleeping (7)
- 23 Gland secretion (7)
- 24 Amazing, wondrous (7)
- 25 Of the decimal system (6)
- 27 Sumptuous meal (5)
- 28 Power of decision-making (3-2)
- 30 Enter (data) on a computer (3,2)
- 31 Bird's breeding place (4)

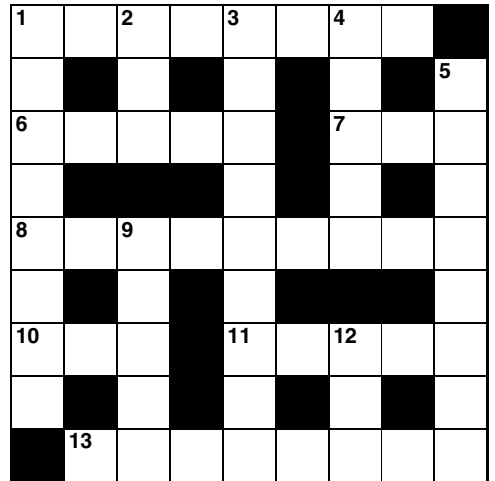
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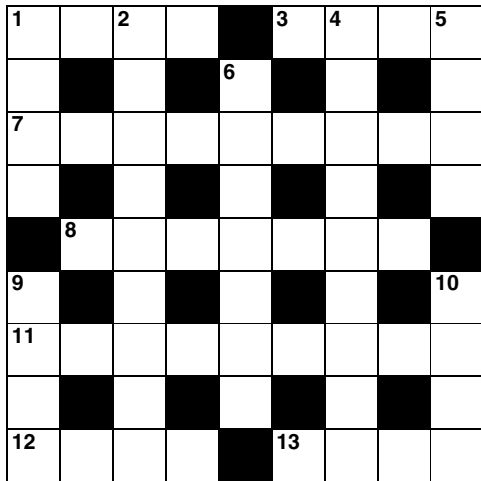
- 1 Protective pad under a hot plate (5,3)
- 6 Colloquial language (5)
- 7 A couple (3)
- 8 Highly confidential (3,6)
- 10 Feathered scarf (3)
- 11 Lower leg bone (5)
- 13 Humiliated, brought low (8)

DOWN

- 1 Laboratory vessel (4,4)
- 2 Lingerie item (3)
- 3 Whisk for making omelettes (3,6)
- 4 In pursuit of (5)
- 5 Holiday missive (8)
- 9 Stillness, calm (5)
- 12 Wicked (3)



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ACROSS

- 1 Sentence component (4)
- 3 Land used for cultivation and pasturage (4)
- 7 Departing colleague's shindig (7,2)
- 8 Fortress, castle (7)
- 11 General expenses of a business (9)
- 12 Thin fog (4)
- 13 Shed tears (4)

DOWN

- 1 Predatory canine mammal (4)
- 2 State of being prepared (9)
- 4 Builder's concrete mix (9)
- 5 Debatable (point) (4)
- 6 Ferocious fish (7)
- 9 Accepted standard (4)
- 10 Request to reply (inits)(4)

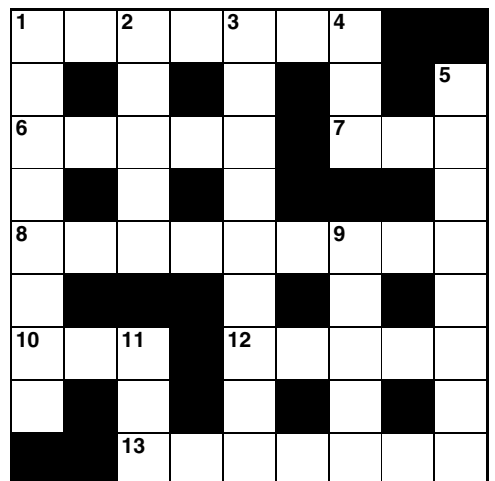
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- 1 Cuddly plaything (4,3)
- 6 Shrub of the gorse family (5)
- 7 British honorary award (inits)(3)
- 8 Determined, tenacious (9)
- 10 Bill run up in a bar (3)
- 12 Dodge, evade (5)
- 13 Beg (7)

DOWN

- 1 Abstinence from consumption of alcohol (8)
- 2 Dental thread (5)
- 3 Record of hours worked (4,5)
- 4 Potato-like root (3)
- 5 Second in order of preference (4,4)
- 9 Emit, give off (5)
- 11 Apiary insect (3)

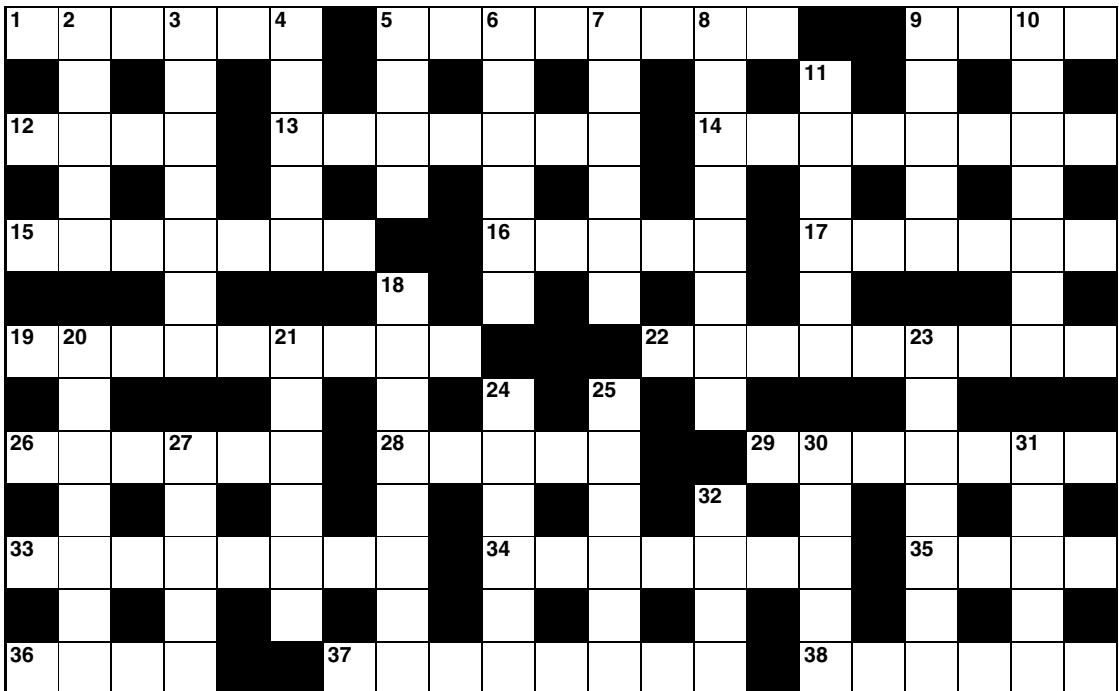


ACROSS

- 1 Flexible, tractable (6)
 5 Select at random (4,4)
 9 ___ pas, social gaffe (4)
 12 Successor (4)
 13 Militant, combative (7)
 14 Puzzled, bewildered (8)
 15 Sergeant's stripe (7)
 16 Sharp exhalation through the nostrils (5)
 17 Kidnap (6)
 19 Rare silvery-white metal (9)
 22 Catalogue requisition list (5,4)
 26 Time of acute difficulty (6)
 28 Shout 'hurrah' (5)
 29 Impute, assign (7)
 33 Parish cleric's residence (8)
 34 Greek white wine (7)
 35 Garden earth (4)
 36 Ladder rung (4)
 37 Photograph (8)
 38 Formal promise (6)

DOWN

- 2 Parasitic worm (5)
 3 Incoming flight (7)
 4 Prohibited by social custom (5)
 5 Humdrum, drab (4)
 6 Filled with shock and horror (6)
 7 Remain concealed (3,3)
 8 Disinclined to speak (8)
 9 Discovered, unearthed (5)
 10 Second-hand vehicle (4,3)
 11 Enter (a country) with an army (6)
 18 Formal meal in the middle of the day (8)
 20 Emergency transport by plane (7)
 21 Perturbation (6)
 23 Predict (7)
 24 Lose your inhibitions completely (3,3)
 25 Pitiful person (6)
 27 Postage sticker (5)
 30 Marshy area (5)
 31 Carry, fetch (5)
 32 Scottish pleated skirt (4)

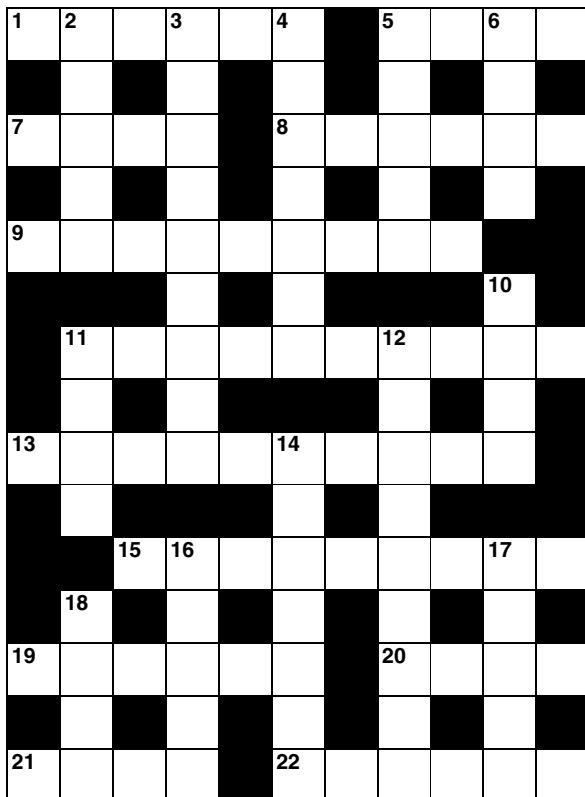
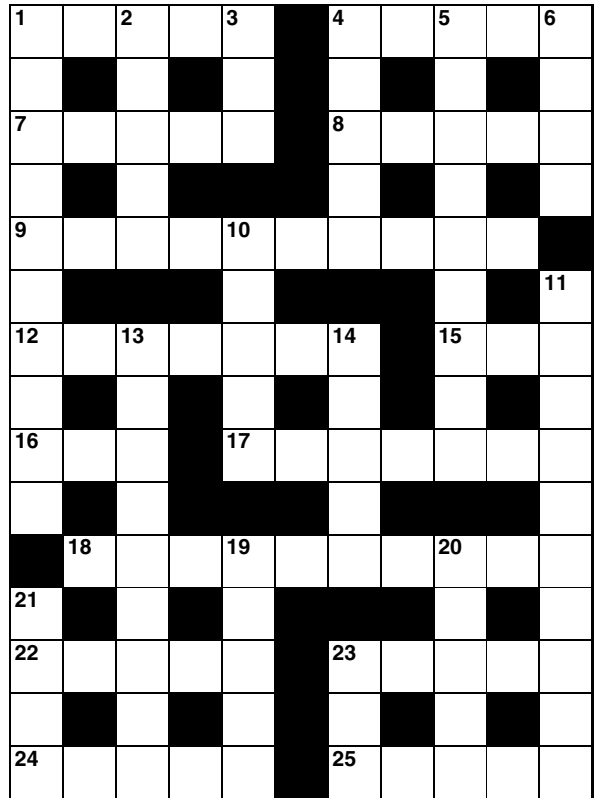


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- 1 Encrypted (5)
 4 Appear suddenly (3,2)
 7 Alliance (5)
 8 Rope loop (5)
 9 Very tall building (10)
 12 Cameo appearance (3,4)
 15 Result of addition (3)
 16 Choose (3)
 17 Impartial (7)
 18 Major city (10)
 22 Showery (5)
 23 Heavenly food (5)
 24 Military horn (5)
 25 Sculpt (5)

DOWN

- 1 Text for study (10)
 2 Mat made of lace (5)
 3 Loud noise (3)
 4 Chinese mammal (5)
 5 Don, academic (9)
 6 Entreaty (4)
 10 Metal necklace (5)
 11 Limited in extent (5-5)
 13 Giggling (9)
 14 Dull heavy blow (5)
 19 Piece of verse (5)
 20 Of the Moon (5)
 21 Insect larva (4)
 23 Raincoat (3)



ACROSS

- 1 Male domestic feline (6)
 5 Great show, ceremony (4)
 7 Bacillus (4)
 8 Christmas decoration (6)
 9 Constant, criterion (9)
 11 Attractively tall and dignified (10)
 13 Commencement (10)
 15 Reminiscent (9)
 19 Spanish rice dish (6)
 20 Cover with precious metal (4)
 21 Soak up (ink) (4)
 22 Speak incoherently (6)

DOWN

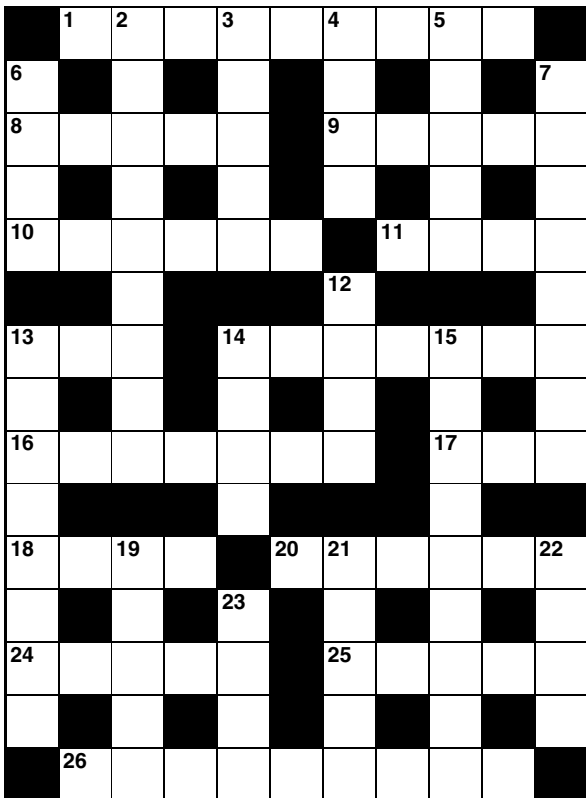
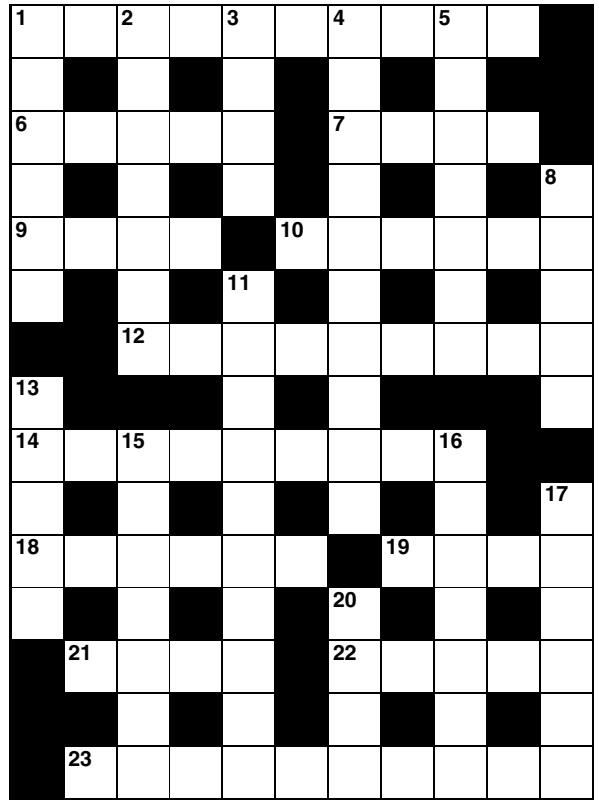
- 2 Play set to music (5)
 3 Person engaged in fighting (9)
 4 Striking artistic grouping (7)
 5 Temporary stop in action (5)
 6 Burrowing animal (4)
 10 Totally wreck (4)
 11 Kitchen washbasin (4)
 12 Very clingy (garment) (4-5)
 14 Public praise (7)
 16 Gentleman's gentleman (5)
 17 Regulating device (5)
 18 Animal's spinal extension (4)

ACROSS

- 1 Carefully consider before acting (5,5)
- 6 Force forward (5)
- 7 Doe or stag (4)
- 9 Large urban settlement (4)
- 10 Have high hopes (6)
- 12 Spiny marine creature (3,6)
- 14 Home for parentless children (9)
- 18 Tooth coating (6)
- 19 Fibre used in making rope (4)
- 21 Chaise longue (4)
- 22 Gain information (5)
- 23 Submerged (10)

DOWN

- 1 Sudden muscular movement (6)
- 2 Momentum (7)
- 3 Police code word between Juliet and Lima (4)
- 4 Rife, ubiquitous (10)
- 5 Hold dear (7)
- 8 Large showy flower (5)
- 11 Flea market in your driveway (6,4)
- 13 Motorised bicycle (5)
- 15 Military subdivision (7)
- 16 Dignified and graceful (7)
- 17 Bottle-top remover (6)
- 20 Bird's hooked nail (4)



ACROSS

- 1 Edible substance (9)
- 8 Tear to pieces (3,2)
- 9 Thick sugary liquid (5)
- 10 Dignitary (6)
- 11 Gum, paste (4)
- 13 Golf expert (3)
- 14 Spotted feline (7)
- 16 Chest bone (7)
- 17 Damp squib (3)
- 18 Catholic service (4)
- 20 Costly (6)
- 24 Spacious (5)
- 25 Small stream (5)
- 26 Insipidity (9)

DOWN

- 2 Deliberately (2,7)
- 3 Distance down (5)
- 4 Hurl, fling (4)
- 5 Wild, untamed (5)
- 6 Summit of a hill (4)
- 7 Magnificent, superb (8)
- 12 Fertile soil (4)
- 13 Envelope's date stamp (8)
- 14 Loop in a chain (4)
- 15 Cheekily bold (9)
- 19 Swarm of fish (5)
- 21 Batman's sidekick (5)
- 22 Oxen harness (4)
- 23 Song of praise (4)

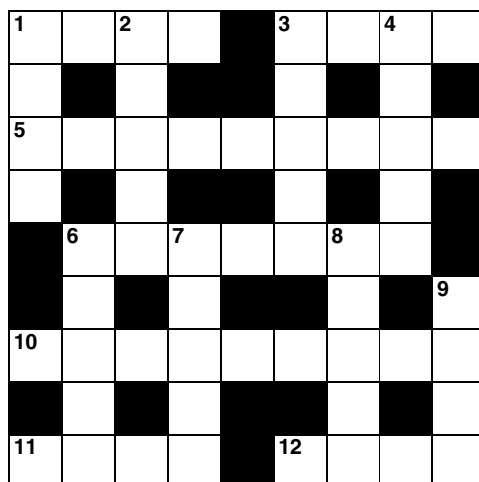
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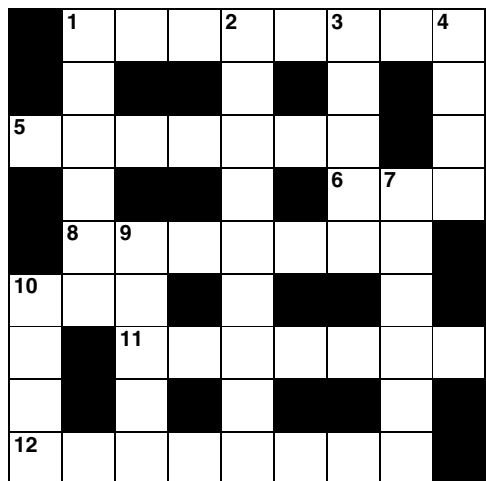
- 1 Indisputable detail (4)
- 3 Composition for two voices (4)
- 5 Disconnected from a socket (9)
- 6 Begin anew (7)
- 10 Disturb the equilibrium of (9)
- 11 Stand-in office worker (4)
- 12 Friend, mate (4)

DOWN

- 1 Long-lasting dispute (4)
- 2 Thicket (5)
- 3 Rigid point of view (5)
- 4 Sporting occasion (5)
- 6 Mountain chain (5)
- 7 Top of your head (5)
- 8 Cattle farm (5)
- 9 Marine steering gear (4)



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ACROSS

- 1 Having a forgiving disposition (8)
- 5 Maker of woollen garments (7)
- 6 Shed tears (3)
- 8 Football official (7)
- 10 Personal transport (3)
- 11 Sincere and serious (7)
- 12 Keep going in difficult circumstances (6,2)

DOWN

- 1 Sacred word or phrase (6)
- 2 Large religious building (9)
- 3 Outlandish comedy (5)
- 4 Patterned like a doily (4)
- 7 Cause, motive (6)
- 9 Construct, build (5)
- 10 Hairdresser's tool (4)

12

ACROSS

- 1 Done at an unsuitable moment (3-5)
- 6 Remnant of an old wound (4)
- 7 Karate blow (4)
- 8 Patients' vehicle (9)
- 11 Aid (a criminal) (4)
- 13 Very much alike (4)
- 14 Notched like a saw (8)

DOWN

- 2 Deputising doctor (5)
- 3 Bare rocky outcrop (3)
- 4 Rich pungent coffee (5)
- 5 Stage twosome (3)
- 9 Pronounce, say (5)
- 10 Reprimand (5)
- 12 Mode of road transport (3)
- 13 Country cooker (3)

