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Puzzle it out



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The Witness



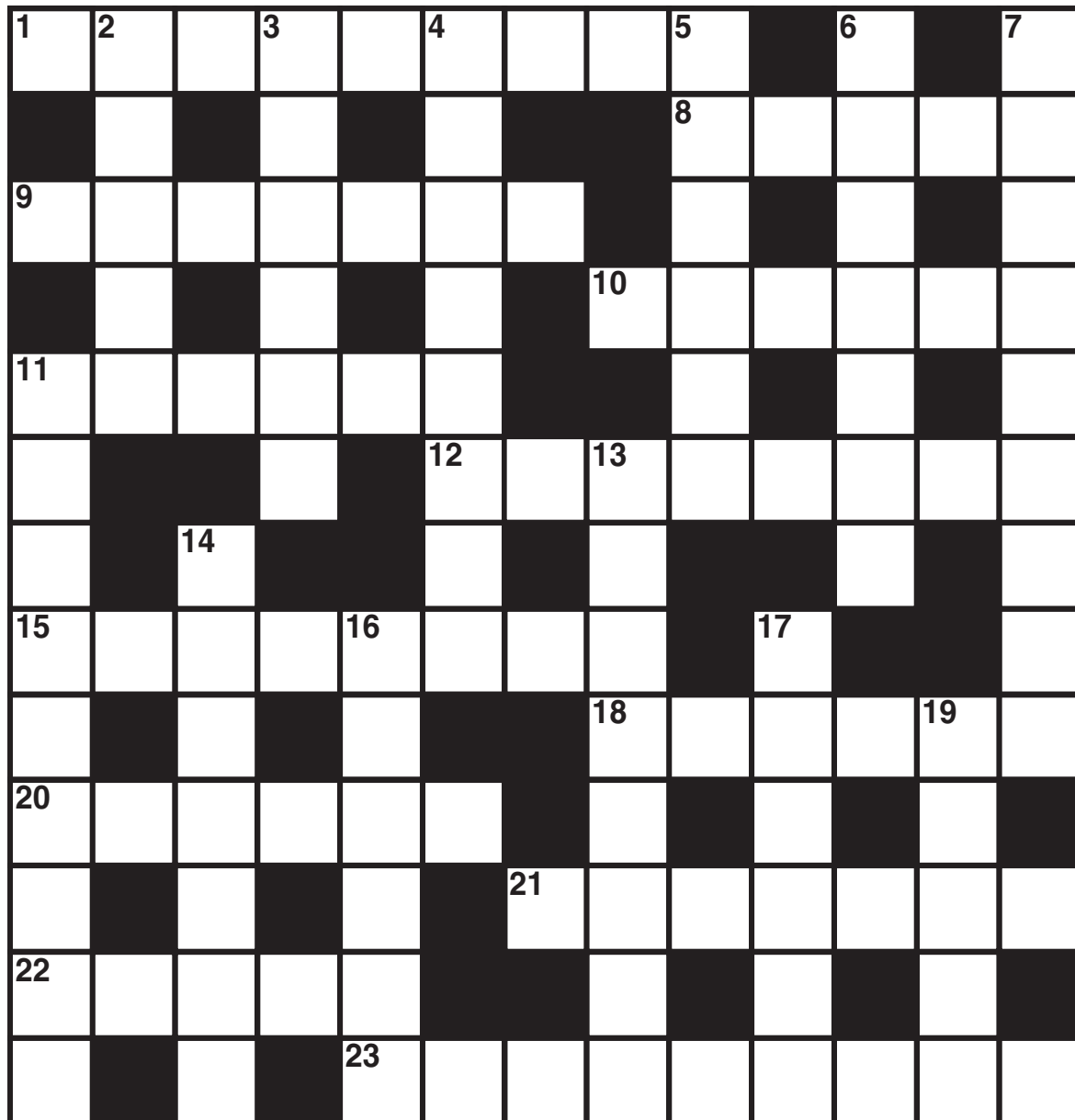
Across

- 1 Fire and unload (9)
- 8 A ring in the nose for a halter (5)
- 9 Refuse to hold pose - stupidity! (7)
- 10 The pair show hesitation - that's the trouble (6)
- 11 He sounds like a wheeler-dealer (6)
- 12 4 and 15 made whole (8)
- 15 Musical figure (8)
- 18 Cleans up when diet is knocked into shape (6)
- 20 It's said two of them don't make one right (6)
- 21 He doesn't believe articles it's fashionable to read (7)
- 22 Demand payment out of turn (5)
- 23 One has one of them; another three (9)

Down

- 2 A girl some admire needless to say (5)
- 3 Sort of cats the French keep (6)
- 4 Changing tale over a phone call (8)
- 5 A call for repeated effort (6)
- 6 A tender for the dairy farm (7)
- 7 Cruel but if treated correctly she alters (9)
- 11 It's not all he has (4-5)
- 13 What the driver needs above all is to be sober (8)
- 14 In Cuba maybe a number love to camp out (7)
- 16 Things look different after dark (6)
- 17 Such a word usually is (6)
- 19 Follow in downtrodden suede shoes (5)

Cryptic Crossword 18197



Cryptic Solution 18196

Across: 1 Pumpkin, 4 Bowls, 7 Nuns, 8 Stroking, 10 Abstracted, 12 Duress, 13 Ideals, 15 Underwrite, 18 Firm date, 19 Enid, 20 Dotty, 21 Coinage.

Down: 1 Panda, 2 Ministry, 3 Notice, 4 Broken down, 5 Wail, 6 Signals, 9 Present day, 11 Hacienda, 12 Dwarfed, 14 Celtic, 16 Endue, 17 Brat.

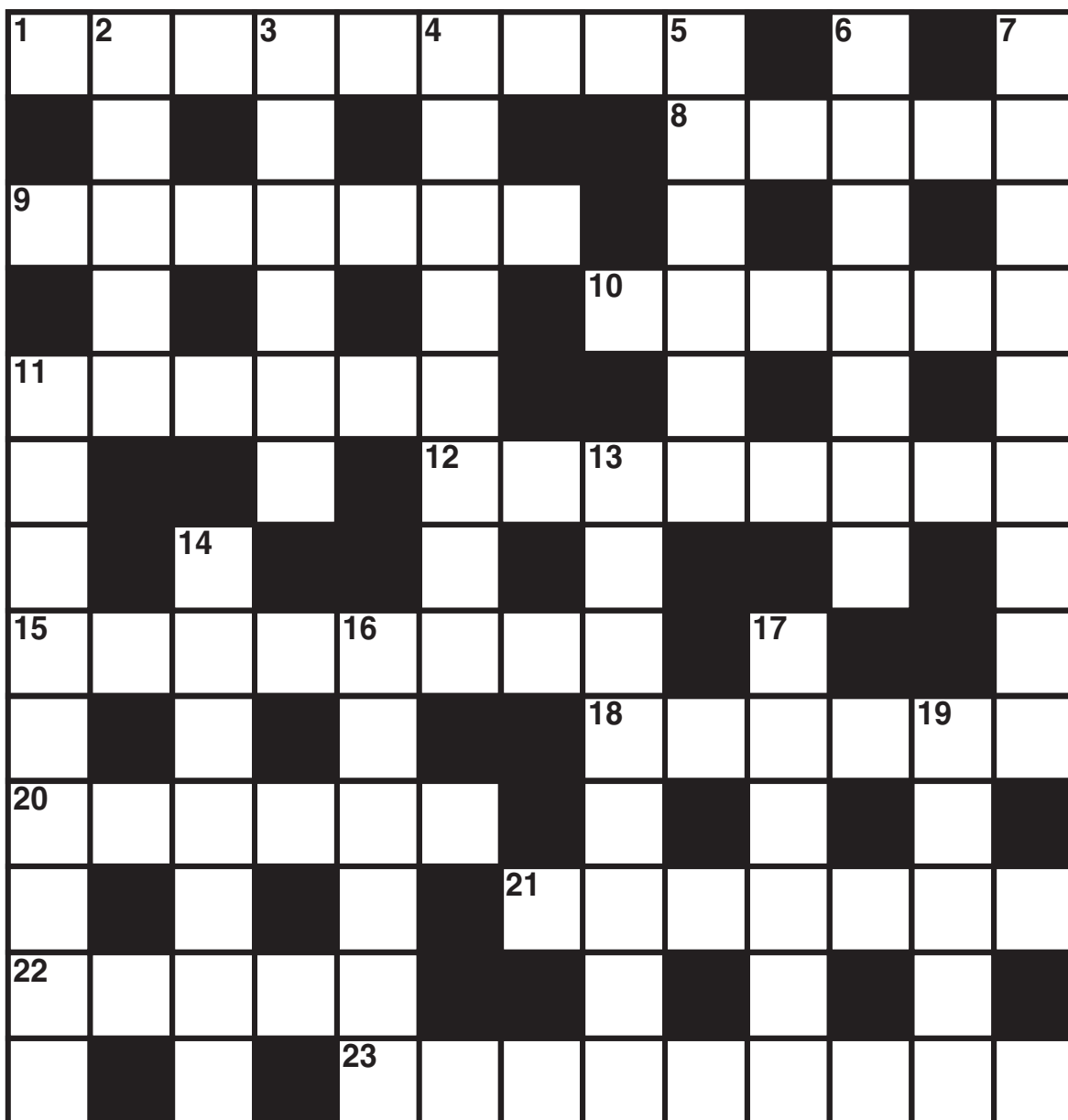
Across

- 1 Fall guy (9)
 8 See eye to eye (5)
 9 Vocation (7)
 10 Long thin piece cut off (6)
 11 To bully (6)
 12 Creating needless fear (8)
 15 Paying no attention (8)
 18 Quantity manufactured (6)
 20 Slow to understand (6)
 21 Fugitive (7)
 22 Simultaneous firing of guns (5)
 23 Discovery found to be illusory (5,4)

Down

- 2 A transient fad (5)
 3 Courteous (6)
 4 To produce (8)
 5 Adapt to special purpose (6)
 6 Be victorious (7)
 7 Find by assiduous searching (6,3)
 11 Position of fancied superiority (4,5)
 13 Unlimited (8)
 14 Woven fabric (7)
 16 Supple (6)
 17 Tendency in one's character (6)
 19 Russian mountain range (5)

10-Minute Crossword 18197

**10-Minute Solution 18196**

Across: 1 Vicious, 4 Sound, 7 Near, 8 Parallel, 10 Make amends,
 12 Smooth, 13 Uphold, 15 True to type, 18 Flamingo, 19 Glib, 20 Lurid,
 21 Empower.

Down: 1 Venom, 2 Crackpot, 3 Scared, 4 Stand up for, 5 Ugly, 6 Dullard,
 9 Mastermind, 11 Body blow, 12 Soulful, 14 Meagre, 16 Ember, 17 Fair.

SUDOKU

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For online tips go to sudoku.com

This is the world's most addictive numbers game. The aim is to fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. This is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

Yesterday's solution:

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| 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
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| 4 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 8 |

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Using the letter N somewhere in every word, can you make at least 54 words of four letters or more out of these letters? At least one word will have all the letters.
No proper names.

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| N | H | E | N | O |
| | A | P | L | R |

Yesterday's answer: Aunt, Aunty, Haul, Hauler, Haunt, Haunter, Hula, Hunt, Hunter, Hurl, Hurley, Hurly, Hurt, Hurtle, Lunar, Lunate, Lune, Lure, Lute, Nature, Neural, Neutral, Rule, Rune, Runlet, Runt, Ruth, True, Truly, Tuan, Tuna, Tune, Tuner, Turn, Uhlan, Ulna, Ulnar, Ultra, Uneath, Uneathly, Uneath, Unlay, Unreal, Urea, Yuan, Yule, Yurt

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER

5454

Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 14 represents D so fill in D every time the figure 14 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

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| 16 | 25 | 10 | 20 | 20 | | | 9 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 19 | 6 | 20 | 10 | 23 |
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| 21 | | 26 | | 21 | | | | | 21 | | 9 | | 25 | 13 | 26 |

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Solution to the previous Code-Cracker:

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