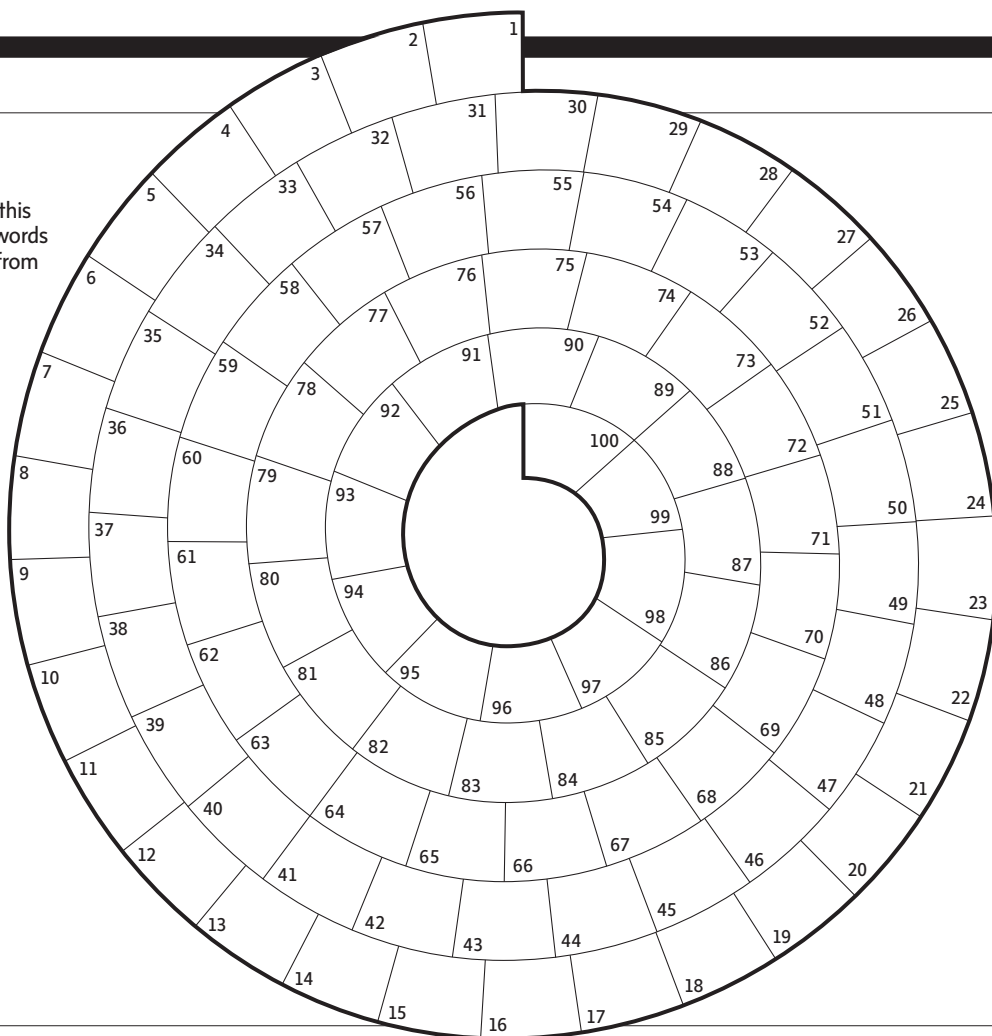


WORD PLAY

You'll need to think in two directions to solve this puzzle. The Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered from 100 to 1. Fill in the answers, one letter per space, according to the numbers beside the clues. Can you get there and back again?

1-7 *Feliz* _____
8-14 Nullified
15-21 Maritimes settler
22-25 Muscat's country
26-31 Fine point
32-38 TV detective with a pet cockatoo
39-47 Connected to the sense of smell
48-53 PG-13, for one
54-58 Lazy sort
59-62 Toaster waffle brand
63-69 Bloodsucking insect (2 wds.)
70-77 Stuck around
78-84 Convertibles, slangily
85-89 Henry Ford's son
90-93 Firewood measure
94-100 Portman of *Black Swan*

100-96 Israel's southernmost city
95-87 _____ and the Lion (folktale)
86-81 Iron-fisted ruler
80-73 Fragrant white flower
72-68 Streep of *Big Little Lies*
67-64 Gratis
63-56 Crude poetry
55-47 VIP
46-43 U.S. campus military org.
42-37 Bobbing on the water's surface
36-29 Huge unit of digital storage
28-21 Reddish-brown spice
20-17 Opera set in Egypt
16-12 Military student
11-6 Meeting's order of business
5-1 Long, backless sofa



We've taken six common six-letter words, listed in alphabetical order, and disguised them using a random substitution cipher. We'll tell you that X stands for M, and C stands for T. Can you determine the words?

V J K Z B C _ _ _ _ _
O J X P Q N _ _ _ _ _
Z K O O J D _ _ _ _ _
B S J F C N _ _ _ _ _
P V P V Q S _ _ _ _ _
D J F X C B _ _ _ _ _

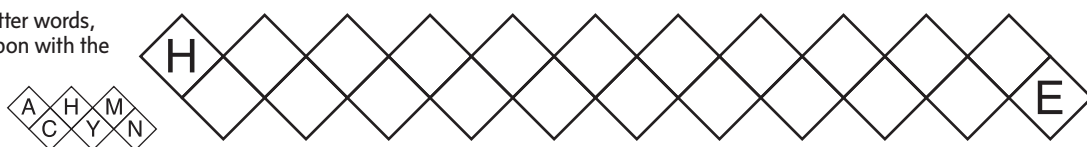
In this small crossword, all of the consonants in the answer words are provided (in alphabetical order). The missing vowels—and the words themselves—are for you to guess. The letter Y isn't used.

Why does getting a wrapped gift make us happier than receiving an unwrapped gift? The sight of wrapped presents makes us happy because we almost always get them during happy times in our lives, according to a study conducted by researchers at Southern Methodist University, in Dallas. Through “repeated pairing with joyous events” in our lives, gift wrapping “has utility in cueing a happy mood,” the researchers stated.



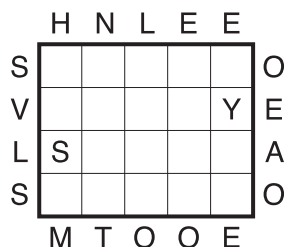
Ribbon

The answers to the clues are all four-letter words, listed in no particular order. Fill the ribbon with the words overlapping by two letters, like ACHY and HYMN in the example. We've supplied the first and last letters of the ribbon.



CLUES

male deer ■ printer's colour ■ gumbo veggie ■ Shrek, e.g. ■ angelic ring ■ suggestive ■ exam ■ take a peek ■ wide-eyed ■ pot builder



Slide show

Slide the 18 letters surrounding the grid into the empty squares so that four words are formed reading across and five words are formed reading down. Letters above and below the grid slide vertically to any position without changing columns, and letters to the left and right slide horizontally to any position without changing rows. Each exterior letter is used only once. Two additional letters are already positioned in the grid. Can you slide all of the others into place?

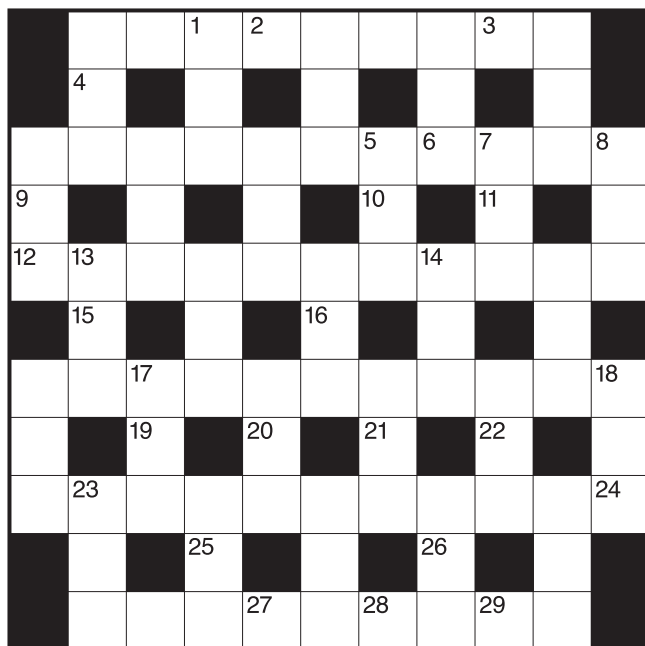


MISTLE EWWWWW

This probably won't get you into a kissing mood: mistletoe gets its name from the Anglo-Saxon word "mistle," meaning "dung," and "tan," which means "twig," because ancient Anglo-Saxons noticed that the plant often grows where birds do their business, according to the U.S. National Wildlife Federation. Pucker up under the dung-on-a-twig.

Twists and turns

Get ready to twist your words in this variety crossword. Answers take a winding path through the grid, each making one or more 90-degree turns. The letter after each clue indicates the answer's starting direction: north, south, east or west. The number in parentheses after the clue indicates the length of the answer. Each letter in the completed grid will appear in exactly two words.



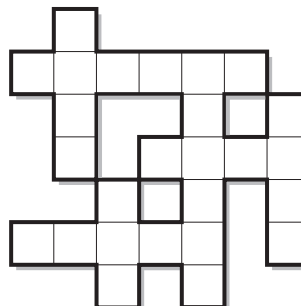
- 1W Severe traffic problem (8)
- 2E Signified (7)
- 3E Romney's baseball glove? (4)
- 4N Funeral song (5)
- 5W Having good musculature (5)
- 6N Spreads frosting on (4)
- 7S Basketball position (7)
- 8S Attracts (5)
- 9N Frigidity (8)
- 10S Handcuffed person (8)
- 11N Frequently, to a poet (8)
- 12E Avid (4)
- 13S From the Orient (7)
- 14W Ebbs (7)
- 15S Up and about (5)
- 16N Inconsistent (7)
- 17S Steamy, as a love affair (6)
- 18S Job of mayors, MPs, MLAs, etc. (8)
- 19S Cathedral musician (8)
- 20N Frocks (7)
- 21N Knotty wood (4)
- 22S Pan-_____ (browned quickly) (6)
- 23W Liberal Party member, slangily (4)
- 24N Ran easily (5)
- 25N _____-and-true (reliable) (5)
- 26N Secret Service agent's wear (8)
- 27E Succinct (5)
- 28W Greek wine (7)
- 29E Calgary and Edmonton, e.g. (6)

Pangram fill-in

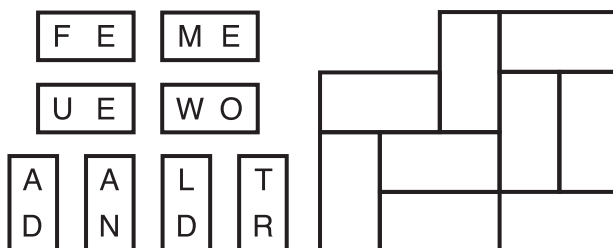
Use the randomly listed clues to complete this small crossword puzzle. Each letter of the alphabet will appear exactly once in the completed grid.

CLUES

carton ■ donate ■ like morning grass ■ baaing group ■ watch-crystal mineral ■ checkers move ■ cogitates



A B C D E
F G H I J K
L M N O P
Q R S T U
V W X Y Z

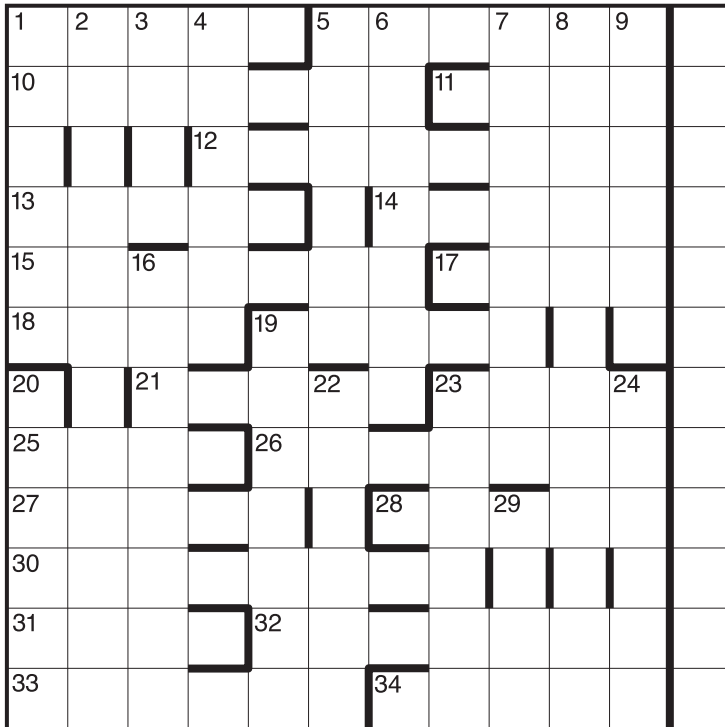


Word jigsaw

Fit the pieces into the frame to form common, uncapitalized words reading across and down crossword-style. There's no need to rotate the pieces: they'll fit as shown, with each piece used exactly once.

Holiday temps

Each row of the grid in this variety cryptic crossword contains a “temporary worker,” a single letter that must leave before its word is entered into the grid. Put this letter instead in the separate, rightmost column. Use the Down entries to help you determine which letter in each row is the temp. When the grid is filled, the rightmost column will reveal one more holiday temp, hard at work. Enumerations for the Across clues are withheld to disguise the location of the temps.



ACROSS

- 1 Excitedly learn name of the composer of *Over the Rainbow*
- 2 Do organize truce outside lavatory (2 wds.)
- 10 New York's smell inhaled by you, President Roosevelt
- 11 Jogged beside one Indian princess
- 12 Hockey thug and wild tapir travel around (4 wds.)
- 13 Dick and Harry's partner in CIA turned back one type of clock
- 14 Start to think twice about tiny sound coming from a nest
- 15 Dudes engaging shortstop with last of arguments lacking substance
- 17 Roughly sculpted figure without face (2 wds.)
- 18 Fresh report covering university clubs
- 19 Possibly lead fighting spirit to the auditorium
- 20 State, "I'd sigh with love"
- 23 Audibly bewails times when roosters are heard
- 25 Paar organized U.S. group for seniors (abbr.)
- 26 Economic disparity called for paintings to be returned (2 wds.)
- 27 Squeal on racetrack tipster behind restricted area (2 wds.)
- 28 Italian supermodel initially falsified a certain book-jacket blurb
- 30 Lying down, checking around two o'clock
- 31 Don't start physical contact that hurts
- 32 After order's messed up, see irate diners
- 33 Streetcar you left, following nasty internet troublemaker
- 34 Glittery rock gets halved with dedicated work

DOWN

- 1 Starting squads consumed deli meats with no starter (1,5)
- 2 Seurat provides all the elements for chef's boss (12)
- 3 Shot up head of old timber wolf (4)
- 4 Glide precariously to end of runway in a tense way (6)
- 5 Sees sorcerer holding back stick used in a game (6)
- 6 Provides lodging for Stentor, weirdly (5,2)
- 7 Saturate almost all of battle site and general (8)
- 8 Unbridled turmoil wasn't fair? (12)
- 9 Stealthily move woven top secured by knot (6)
- 16 *Wind Science*, by an Italian guy (8)
- 19 Hawkish army officer heard (7)
- 20 Vegetable deterioration in back of auto (6)
- 22 Rock salt he has set down (6)
- 23 Slim men agree, but neither one completely (6)
- 24 Barfly embraces quiet partner (6)
- 29 Bishop joins carnival city liveliness (4)

Daisy chain

Add a letter to the first set of letters below and form a common word by anagramming the six given letters plus the one you added. Enter the word in the squares to the right. For each succeeding row, add the last letter of the previous word you wrote to the new set of letters before anagramming. The last letter of your fifth word should be the letter you added to the first word. Only word play experts will complete this daisy chain of anagrams.

1	A	A	B	C	K	P						
2	E	I	L	L	N	W						
3	A	D	I	Q	S	U						
4	E	K	O	P	S	T						
5	A	F	I	L	M	Y						

Four-gone conclusions

Use the letters in the letter list once each to fill the blanks to form common, uncapitalized four-letter words. Many of the three-letter chunks can end with more than one letter, but the solution using all 10 letters is unique.

LETTER LIST: D E F L M N O P R T

LOO CAL GLU SEA ROO

HAR____ SOL____ LAN____ NOT____ FIR____



FAILED RESOLUTIONS

Only 8 per cent of people achieve their New Year's resolutions, according to researchers at the University of Scranton. Most of us give up quickly. Studies have shown approximately 80 per cent of people throw in the towel by February.



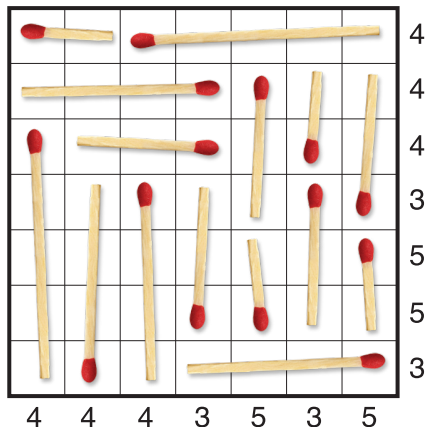
TREE EXPORTS

Canada exported more than 2.2 million Christmas trees, most of them grown in Quebec, in 2017. Fresh cut Christmas trees were exported to more than 20 countries, including Aruba, Bahamas, France, Jamaica, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates, according to Statistics Canada.

LOGIC PLAY

Match play

The grid contains unburnt matches of different sizes. You may burn any amount of each match, or leave the match unburnt. You "burn" a match by shading segments from the head (rounded end) to the tail, without skipping segments. The numbers outside the grid indicate the number of burnt segments in the corresponding row or column. Can you shade in the burnt segments to "match" the numbers?



1	2	4	8	●
3	9	6	1	●●○
8	7	5	3	○
3	6	7	4	●○

Spymaster

Deduce a secret number made of four different digits 1 through 9. The chart shows four guesses at the number, and a score for each guess using marbles. Any digit that appears in the secret number in the same position as in the guess is scored with a black marble. Any digit that appears in a different position than in the guess is scored with a white marble. Any digit that is not in the secret number does not get a marble. It's up to you to determine which digits are indicated by the marbles. Can you figure out the four-digit number?

Crossed letters

Place one of A, B, C or D into each of the 25 empty cells so that the number of letters in each row and column is as indicated by the numbers. Identical letters cannot be next to each other in the grid either horizontally or vertically.

A	2	2	2	0	0
B	1	2	0	1	2
C	0	1	2	2	2
D	2	0	1	2	1

Pathfinder

A path of 36 consecutive numbers, connected horizontally or vertically, and never diagonally, will complete this grid. Some numbers are given to get you started. Can you place a number in each empty cell to create the only correct path?

NUMBER PLAY

Times square

Each of the seven letters used in this word square represents a different digit 1 through 7. The numbers outside the grid show the results of multiplying the values of the letters in each row and column. Can you determine the values of the letters and fill the empty grid with their corresponding numbers?

A	N	O	N	480
L	O	S	E	70
E	E	L	S	98
S	L	O	T	30
84	140	50	168	

Bike lock

My bicycle lock has a combination that is a six-digit number with no repeated digits. The first digit is larger than the fifth digit, the sum of the first and second digits is equal to the sum of the fourth and fifth digits, the third digit is one more than the last digit, the second digit is one more than the fifth digit, and the first digit is two less than the last digit. If the sum of all six digits is 39, can you figure out my bike lock combo?

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=39

Criss-cross math

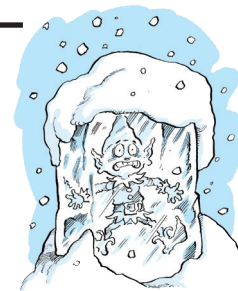
Place the digits 1 to 9, once each, into the empty cells so that the three rows across and three columns down form correct arithmetic statements. All calculations involve only positive whole numbers and should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, ignoring mathematical order of operations.

	×		-		=5
×		+		×	
	×		+		=9
+		-		÷	
	×		÷		=4
=5		=4		=6	

Sweet stash

So that's where those holiday treats are kept! In this addition alphabetic, each digit has been replaced with the same letter everywhere it appears. None of the three numbers starts with zero. Can you find the unique solution?

C A N D Y
+ C A N E
D R A W E R

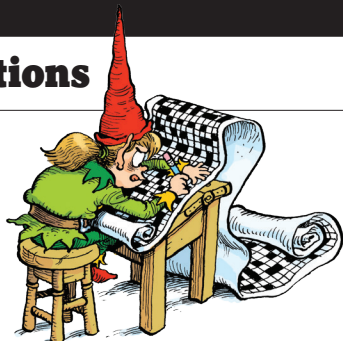


FROZEN

Canada's coldest day on record was marked in the small Yukon village of Snag on Feb. 3, 1947. The temperature was -62.8 degrees Celsius. It was so cold that exposed skin would freeze in three minutes. And the place in Canada that got the biggest snowfall on a single day? That honour belongs to Tahtsa Lake, in B.C. On Feb. 11, 1999, it received 145 cm of snow, nearly a metre and a half.

- DAVE MCGINN

Solutions



1	A LE + (n)AMS
2	RESTAURATEUR (letter bank)
3	LOB + O
4	EDCIL + Y (<i>glide</i> anrev.)
5	CROSSE (hidden rev.)
6	RENTS TO (ang.)
7	WATERLOO(a) + C
8	UNREST + RAINED
9	TI(P)TE (<i>top</i> ang.)
16	SCI + ROCCO
19	MARTIAL (<i>marsh</i> hom.)
20	CAR + ROT
22	HALT(E)
23	ME(n) + ACRE(e)
24	S(P)OUSE
29	B + RIO

DOWN

1	ARLEN (anag.)
2	CREW(C)UT (<i>truce</i> anag.)
10	THE(ODOR)E
11	RAN + I
12	GO ON + A TRIP (<i>tapir</i> anag.)
13	AT(MON)C (C/A rev.)
14	TWEE) + T
15	MA(SS)LES + S
17	THOR SO
18	SA(U + C)Y
19	METAL (<i>mettle</i> hom.)
21	I'D + AH + O
23	MORNS (<i>mourns</i> hom.)
25	AAP (anag.)
27	TRADE GAP (<i>pagged</i> + <i>art</i> rev.)
28	R + A + T OUT
28	F + A + BIO
30	RE(CL)MINING
31	(I)OUCH
32	EATERIES (anag.)
33	TROLL + EY (Ive rev.)
34	GE(ts) + ODE

ACROSS

T	R	O	L	E	G	E	D	E
O	C	H	A	T	E	R	I	S
R	E	C	L	I	N	G	R	U
R	T	O	U	T	F	A	B	I
A	A	R	P	R	A	D	E	A
C	R	I	D	A	H	O	M	O
S	U	C	Y	M	E	T	A	L
M	A	S	L	E	S	S	O	R
A	T	O	I	C	S	T	W	E
E	S	B	G	O	N	A	T	P
T	E	O	D	O	R	E	N	A
R	L	E	N	C	R	E	W	U

Holiday temps

PAYBACK
INKWELL
SQUALID
DESKTOP
AMPLIFY

Daisy chain

Four-gone conclusions
LOON, CALL, CLUT, SEAR, ROOF,
HARP, SOLO, LAND, NOTE, FIRM

Four-gone conclusions

Ribbon

		S		X				
Y		K	C	O	L	F		
W		N		B				
E	V	G	I		P			
D		H			M			
	Z	T	A	R	U	Q		
					J			

Pangram fill-in

		D	E		
	A	M	E		
F	E	R	T		
			W	O	
	A	L	N	D	

Word jigsaw

S	E	L	O	H
E	A	L	T	S
Y	O	V	N	E
E	S	O	M	O

Slide show

D	A	M	A	G	E
		N			
		U			
S	T	U	D	I	O
		C		Z	
R	E	A	S	O	N
		O			

Just add vowels

CAUGHT
FAMILY
GUFW
HEARTY
ICICLE
WARMTH

Catching a code

Twists and turns



Spiral

6 5 9 7 4 8

Bike lock

	6=		4=		5=
4=	6	÷	8	×	3
			-		+
	÷				
9=	4	+	5	×	1
	×		+		×
5=	9	-	7	×	2

Criss-cross math

2	1	5	3
7	7	1	2
1	5	2	7
6	4	5	4

Times square

$$\begin{array}{r} 107380 \\ + 9768 \\ \hline 296168 \end{array}$$

Sweet stash

A	2	2	2	0							
B	1	2	0	1	2						
C	0	1	2	2	2						
A B C D	2	0	1	2	1						
2	2	1	0	A	B						
2	2	1	0	A	B						
1	2	1	0	A	B						
2	0	2	1	B	A						
2	0	2	1	B	A						
0	2	1	2	D	B						
2	0	2	1	A	C						
1	1	2	2	D	A						
1	1	2	2	D	A						

Crossed letters

Pathfinder

Match play

3 2 6 9
Spymaster

c
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GIANT CROSSWORD

BY FRASER SIMPSON
#globecrossword

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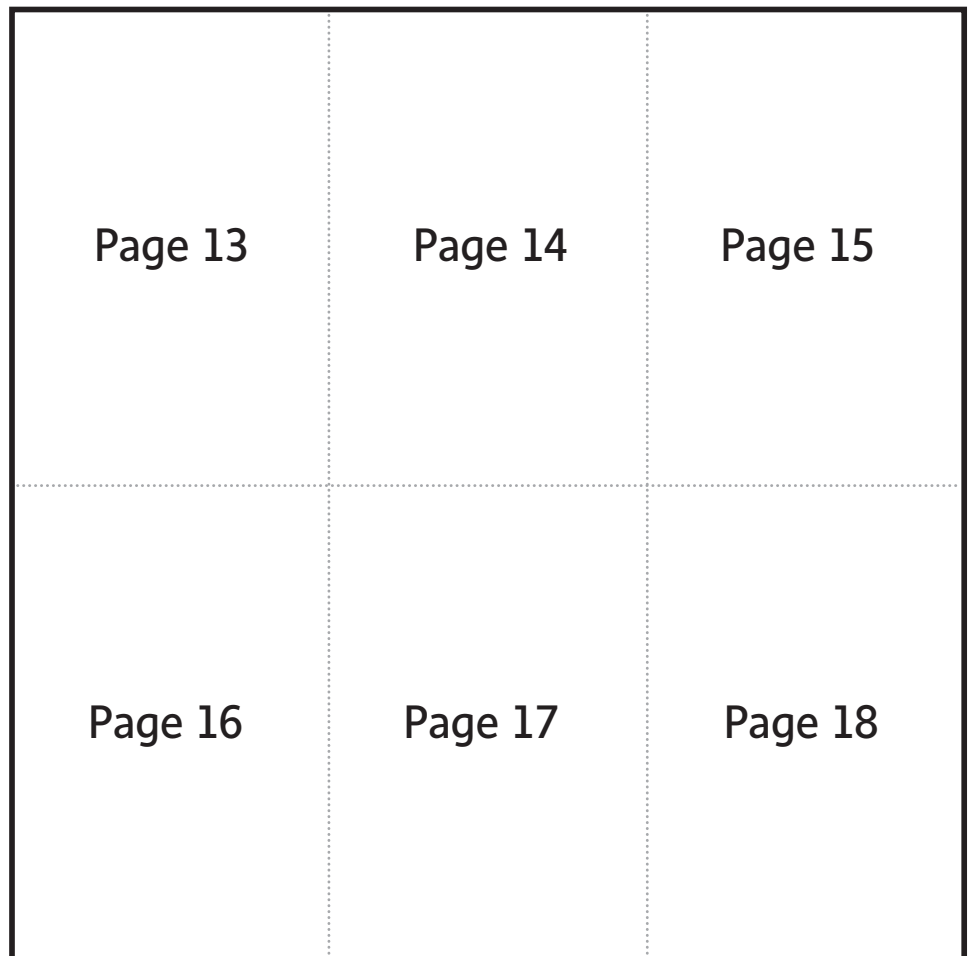
The crossword will print out in 12 pages.

Pages 7-12

Clues

Pages 13-18

Crossword grid, in sections;
you can piece it together
using the diagram at right.



CLUES ACROSS

1 – 236

- 1** “Merry Christmas!” *en francais* (6,4)
6 Back alley feline (5,3)
19 Furniture items with moulded seats (5,6)
25 Affluent (4-2-2)
29 Leaky pen result (3,5)
35 Location of Eureka and Alert (7)
37 Best _____ Screenplay (Oscar category) (7)
38 Hazardous (5)
41 Stitch anew (5)
42 Avery Island hot sauce (7)
43 Upper body (5)
44 Clean the slate (5)
45 Cleopatra’s Needle, e.g. (7)
46 Destructive wave (7)
47 Acupressure massage (7)
48 Fork or knife (7)
49 Entrance on Christmas Eve (7)
50 Hand sanitizer ingredient (7)
51 *Young* _____ (Iain Armitage sitcom) (7)
52 Neil Armstrong portrayer in *First Man* (4,7)
53 Not doing anything (4)
54 Criticism (4)
55 One offering lodging (9)
56 Protective sheet during painting (4,5)
57 Water-cooled smoking pipe (6)
59 Beautiful snowy landscape, in a holiday song (6,10)
63 Movie archaeologist whose real first name is Henry (7,5)
66 Tap (6)
69 Sailor’s greeting (4,4)
70 Part of Miss Muffet’s meal (4)
72 Holiday wrapper’s need (6)
73 Upper layer of the forest (6)
76 Add monograms to, in a way (9)
77 Word of thanks (5)
78 Bravo reality show whose logo includes a knife (3,4)
81 Where talk show host Lilly Singh got her start (7)
83 Gemstone measure equal to 200 milligrams (5)
84 Distrustful (5)
85 Keeps trying (8)
87 Cone-bearing evergreens (9)
90 Moistening a cooking turkey (7)
93 Where to watch *Russian Doll* (7)
97 Thumb extender (10)
102 Frenzied (6)
104 Nods at, perhaps (12)
106 Long in the tooth (7)
107 *Life of Pi* director (3,3)
109 Disney heroines, often (10)
111 Map feature (5)
113 Brain cell (6)
114 Word before sanctum or tube (5)
115 Komodo dragon, e.g. (6)
117 Hard, shiny finish (7)
118 Be of one mind (5)
119 Restaurant reservation (5)
120 *What I Did For Love* musical (1,6,4)
122 Unpaid assembly line worker (5)
123 Preoccupy (6)
124 Head scarf (8)
126 It begins, “The family of Dashwood had long been settled in Sussex” (5,3,11)
134 Drains of energy (4)
135 Certain instant-win chances (7,7)
140 Like some December weather (8)
143 Thin-voiced (5)
144 Frosty’s eyes (4)
145 Waiter’s offering (4)
146 More raspy-voiced (7)
149 Editor’s “let it stand” (4)
150 “That’s using your noggin!” (4,4)
151 Savoury taste (5)
153 Place to buy un Napoléon (10)
155 Subtle distinctions (8)
156 Traditional cricket-bat wood (6)
157 Without a cue (10)
159 2018 Grey Cup winners (10)
162 Polenta ingredient (8)
163 Greek sun god (6)
164 Choose not to participate (7)
169 *Gulliver’s Travels* brute (5)
171 Its state capital is Chandigarh (6)
172 Tortilla chip dip (5)
174 Makes fun of (5)
176 Bathysphere reading (5)
178 Lara’s love (7)
179 Temporary fix (7)
180 Dejected (8)
182 Heroic exploits (7-2)
184 Edible fungus or chocolate treat (7)
185 Sea cow (7)
186 *White Christmas* crooner (4,6)
188 Nest egg (7)
190 Impart knowledge to (7)
192 Prepare for prayer (5)
193 Accompanied (4,4)
195 Units of electrical resistance (4)
197 Andre of tennis (6)
198 Abacus sliders (5)
200 _____ Special (holiday meal at Swiss Chalet) (7)
204 Cold-weather accessory (5)
206 Go hungry (6)
207 Against (4)
210 “To put it differently, ...” (2,5,5)
211 Eloquent speakers (7)
215 The highest one has a 33% rate (3,7)
216 Quaff at a cod-kissing ceremony (7)
217 Staying power (7)
218 Adversity (8)
219 Chauffeur’s uniform (6)
221 What 15/3 is (4,2,5)
223 Learn about (4,2)
227 Palindromic Honda model (5)
230 Hawaii’s “Garden Isle” (5)
231 Painter of *The Jack Pine* and *The West Wind* (3,7)
236 Scrooge creator (7,7)

CLUES ACROSS

244 – 437

- 244** *Rolling in the Deep* singer (5)
245 Seafaring (8)
247 Privacy advocate's bane (12)
249 Slow-moving mammal (5)
250 Pale lager (7)
251 Like candy canes (5)
254 Provide funding for (5)
255 People about to drop off (11)
257 Chicago airport (1'4)
258 Like the pronoun "ourselves" (9)
259 Fail to keep up with events (4,5)
263 Mukluk wearers (5)
265 Readily heard (5,2,1,4)
266 Rho follower (5)
267 Tiny air sacs in the lungs (7)
268 Echo effect (6)
269 Shoelace tip (5)
270 Green with vegetation (7)
271 Order more inventory (7)
272 Metaphor for a conspicuous item (4,5)
273 Without restrictions, as a question (4-5)
274 Last name of two prime ministers (7)
275 Grand theft auto, e.g. (6)
278 Haifa native (7)
279 Celeb's followers (3,4)
281 Colour in a Beatles album title (6)
282 TV series with Keir Gilchrist as Sam Gardner, a teen on the autism spectrum (8)
285 Impolite (4)
287 Date night hiree (10)
289 Sworn to tell the truth, as in court (5,4)
291 Hanukkah heroes (9)
294 Capital with a spring tulip festival (6)
295 *Frozen* song (3,2,2)
298 Fast way to stop (2,1,4)
300 Flowering shrub (6)
302 Survey feedback (9)
304 _____ mirror (4-4)
306 Haberdashery item (7)
307 Take back, as land (7)
308 "And finally..." (4,2,3)
310 Dead-end streets (4-2-3)
312 Need to drink (6)
314 Tympanic membrane (7)
316 Inconsequential (7)
317 Grapefruit-flavoured soft drink brand (6)
319 State in which the Scopes trial was held (9)
321 Green-fleshed melons (9)
322 Chores to run (7)
324 Accuse of misconduct, as a president (7)
325 Fed-up landlord's action (8)
326 Their albums include *OK Computer* and *In Rainbows* (9)
328 Mar (6)
329 Account for with a justification (7)
330 Line through Colombia and Uganda (7)
332 Slowly, on sheet music (6)
333 *La Vie en Rose* singer (5,4)
335 Get used to new conditions (9)
337 The "T" of WCTU (10)
338 *Christmas Oratorio* composer (4)
339 2005 film based on the *Firefly* TV series (8)
342 Watercourse blockage near a lumber mill (6)
344 Pudding choice (7)
347 Glorified (7)
349 334-Down festival of lights (6)
351 *Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea* author (7)
353 Crimea, geographically (9)
354 Celebrity signature (9)
356 Sited (7)
358 Primitive artist _____ Moses (7)
360 Two-time loser to Dwight (5)
363 Offer unwanted advice at cards (6)
364 Academic retirees (7)
366 Before dawn (5)
367 Clue left by Cinderella (5,7)
369 Make a pigtail (5)
370 *Pride and _____* (9)
374 Rash (9)
375 "Poison" shrub (5)
376 Chestnut-coated hunting dog (5,6)
377 Get-up-and-go (5)
378 Desirable quality (5)
381 Angrily attack, with "at" (4,3)
382 Steve Martin's instrument (5)
383 Legolas portrayer (7,5)
385 Group assignments at school (8)
387 Majestic (5)
388 "No blinking" match (7,7)
396 U.S. bank whose symbol is a sixhorse stagecoach (5,5)
400 Concert grand, e.g. (5)
401 Close-fitting, or Scrooge-like (5)
404 Born first (6)
408 Cow tipping or the vanishing hitchhiker, e.g. (5,6)
410 Toward the rudder (6)
411 Board blemish (8)
413 Passes, as time (7)
414 Oscar hopeful (7)
415 *On the Beach* topic (7,3)
417 Abrade the surface of (7)
419 Undecided matter (4,8)
420 Throw a party (4)
421 Heather's bookstore chain (6)
422 *The Nutcracker* heroine (5)
424 Coffee variety (7)
428 Pale-looking (5)
429 Corrects, as text (6)
430 Melville captain (4)
431 Spider-Man, to Peter Parker (5,3)
433 Big meal (5)
435 Dumbledore and Snape, e.g. (7)
437 Windpipe branches (7)

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- 438** He portrayed 178-Across (4,6)
441 Colourful, garrulous bird (4,3)
443 _____-on-the-Lake (Shaw Festival city) (7)
444 *Canon in D* composer (9)
447 Fine-tuned (8)
449 Home country of Linzertorte and Sachertorte (7)
450 Lazy present-wrapper's choice (4,3)
451 Topic for Aristotle and Boole (5)
452 Cube's 12 (5)
454 Windshield device (5)
455 "I'm with _____" (T-shirt words above an arrow) (6)
457 Baskervilles creature (5)
459 Resentful, as of someone's advantages (7)
463 Twain hero Tom (6)
464 Why dogs chase squirrels (8)
466 Bronze, at the Olympics (5,5)
467 Hard-to-navigate places (10)
470 Vancouver-born geneticist David (6)
471 Caviar fish (8)
472 Tournament setup (5,5)
475 Mindless followers (5)
476 In seventh heaven (8)
477 Weaving apparatus (4)
478 Enchanting (7)
480 Snowy-day coaster (4)
481 Ladder rung (4)
482 Tolkien ring carrier (5)
483 Always the villain, e.g. (8)
487 Marc Kielburger and Chrystia Freeland, academically (6,8)
493 *For Your Eyes* _____ (4)
495 Latin phrase in *Angels We Have Heard on High* (6,2,8,3)
502 Event of Dec. 21, 2020 (8)
504 Sci-fi film set on the moon Pandora (6)
505 Place to apply rouge (5)
506 Doris Day song that asks, "Will we have rainbows day after day?" (3,4,4)
507 France's longest river, about 231 km longer than the Seine (5)
508 Christmas gift to Della in an O. Henry story (5)
509 "Snappy" Christmas table decoration containing a joke and a small toy (7)
510 Tailor's need (6)
511 Christmas colour (5)
512 Christie crime solver (6)
513 Christmas tree topper (5)
515 Act too quickly (4,3,3)
517 Days of Christmas total (6)
518 "Stop being so glum!" (5,2)
519 Liberty Bell city (12)
520 Certain periodical (6)
522 *The Pillars of the Earth* author (3,7)
527 They're not actually oases (7)
531 Scotland's largest city (7)
532 The Rock of _____ (9)
534 Popular battle royale video game (8)
537 One more time (5)
538 Where Chennai is (5)
539 Garden centre purchase (7)
542 Book after Leviticus (7)
543 Illuminated (3,2)
544 Topple (5,4)
546 Key employee? (6)
547 Jennifer's role on *Friends* (6)
549 Off one's rocker (4)
550 Movie with music conducted by Stokowski (8)
552 Newborn (6)
554 Christmas carol with a separate verse for each title character (2,5,5)
558 Edible dwelling (11,5)
560 Ankle mishap (6)
562 Star Alliance member (3,6)
564 Constellation containing Polaris (4,5)
566 Hans Christian Andersen, for one (4)
567 Canadian _____ money (4)
569 Packs on the pounds (5,6)
572 Doubter (7)
575 Christmas tree debris (7)
576 Deadly snake (7)
578 Holiday burner (4,3)
580 Anise-flavoured liqueur (7)
581 Lhasa native (7)
582 Miss Canada, e.g. (7)
583 Palette stuff (5)
584 Fossil resin (5)
585 Ottoman rulers (7)
586 Suspect's excuse (5)
587 "Ten ____ a-leaping..." (5)
588 Mayonnaise ingredient (3,4)
589 North American name for 536-Down (7)
590 Christmas pastry with a dried-fruit filling (5,3)
591 Plant science for farmers (8)
592 Big hit for Carly Rae Jepsen (4,2,5)
593 Horton or Babar (8)
594 Mont-Tremblant and others (3,7)

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- 1 ____ *Park* (dino film) (8)
- 2 Beatles song with the lyric “There’s a shadow hangin’ over me” (9)
- 3 Not married (5)
- 4 Israel’s longest-serving prime minister (9)
- 5 Trade blockade (7)
- 7 However (and the first six letters of 10-Down) (6)
- 8 Choir voices (5)
- 9 Heart-related (7)
- 10 Insensitivity (15)
- 11 Second wife of Henry VIII (4,6)
- 12 Aardvark’s meal (4)
- 13 S&P 500, e.g. (5,5)
- 14 Creche trio (4)
- 15 Coin-op washers locale (10)
- 16 Word to a dog (4)
- 17 Twentieth-century English king who was never crowned (6,4)
- 18 Food seller (6)
- 19 Pupil protector (6)
- 20 Singer who recorded 1977’s *Bat Out of Hell* (4,4)
- 21 Wineglass part (4)
- 22 Gangster (7)
- 23 Rink footwear (3,6)
- 24 The Ghost of Christmas Past, e.g. (6)
- 25 Roused from slumber (5)
- 26 It might involve 135-Across (7)
- 27 Bambi’s pal (7)
- 28 Tirades (9)
- 30 Theatre ticket waster (2-4)
- 31 Indoor cycling sessions (4,7)
- 32 Houston baseballer (5)
- 33 Column heading on Santa’s list (7)
- 34 Sailing (4)
- 36 Odious (4)
- 39 Peach ____ (Fuzzy Navel ingredient) (8)
- 40 Avian shelters (10)
- 58 Monastery head (5)
- 60 Bar mitzvah reading (5)
- 61 TV host Winfrey (5)
- 62 *A Christmas Story* or *Jingle All the Way*, for example (6)
- 64 Metal used in house siding (8)
- 65 Quirky (9)
- 67 Genuine (9)
- 68 Warm fabric (4)
- 71 Mediocre writer (4)
- 74 Paper tiger, perhaps (7)
- 75 Intimidate by bullying (8)
- 78 Group of seven member? (7)
- 79 Country containing the island Roatan (8)
- 80 Full-school gathering (8)
- 82 One point of punctuation (11)
- 84 Easy to read (7)
- 86 Emerald City visitor (9)
- 88 Lunch-size pie (8,5)
- 89 Christmas-saver played by Jim Varney (6)
- 90 Implore (7)
- 91 Makes good in life (4,3)
- 92 David Hume specialty (10)
- 94 British noblemen (5)
- 95 Actress Jane once married to Tom Hayden (5)
- 96 Trojan War epic (5)
- 98 Actor Elba of *The Wire* (5)
- 99 Christmas party, e.g. (11)
- 100 Filberts (9)
- 101 Defoe’s castaway (6)
- 103 Pilot’s place (7)
- 105 A single time (4)
- 106 Lucy’s pal on old TV (5)
- 108 First Canadian in space (7)
- 110 Came next (6)
- 112 Gator’s cousin (4)
- 116 Decorative plaster (6)
- 121 Utopian (7)
- 125 Adults at a high school dance (10)
- 127 Part of TNT (5)
- 128 Baltic republic (7)
- 129 Unimpressive, like certain soda fountain drinks? (2,5,6)
- 130 Like a brat (7,6)
- 131 Not one or the other (7)
- 132 Pageant crown (5)
- 133 Fast talker (10)
- 136 Purse (7)
- 137 Apple-biters (8)
- 138 They whistle while they work (7)
- 139 Florence Nightingale’s moniker (3,4,4,3,4)
- 140 Skewed view (4)
- 141 Forearm bone (4)
- 142 *O Little ____ of Bethlehem* (4)
- 147 *Trilby* hypnotist (8)
- 148 Police accompaniment (6)
- 152 Singer Dion (6)
- 154 Barista’s creation (8)
- 158 Common 88-Down topping (9)
- 160 Yours truly (6)
- 161 Lithe (6)
- 165 Meddler (9)
- 166 Corkboard insert (9)
- 167 Rising prices (9)
- 168 The “B” of BMO or RBC (4)
- 170 Reddish hair dye (5)
- 173 Boxsters and 911s (8)
- 174 Handel oratorio (7)
- 175 Artistic swimming, familiarly (7)
- 176 Oasis locale (6)
- 177 Sonata automaker (7)
- 181 Laid-back answer to “Do you mind?” (3,1,3)
- 183 Funny bloopers at the end of a comedy film (3,4)
- 185 Weightlifter’s top (6,5)
- 186 Clue, e.g. (5,4)
- 187 Exploding stars (5)
- 189 *Twelfth Night* twin (5)
- 191 Irritatingly knowledgeable, perhaps (3,6,2,4)
- 194 British Columbia neighbour (5)
- 196 Juno Awards topic (5)

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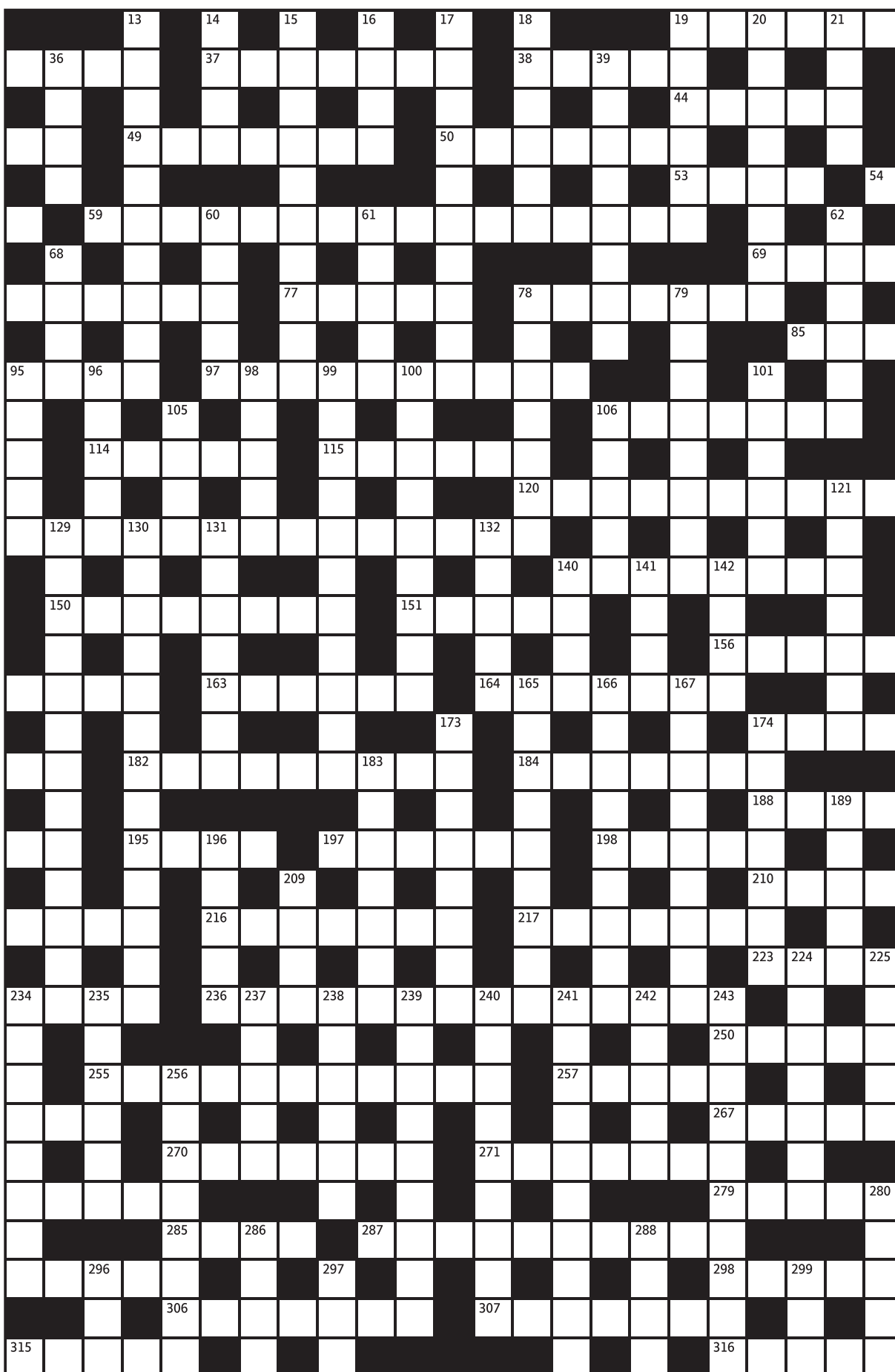
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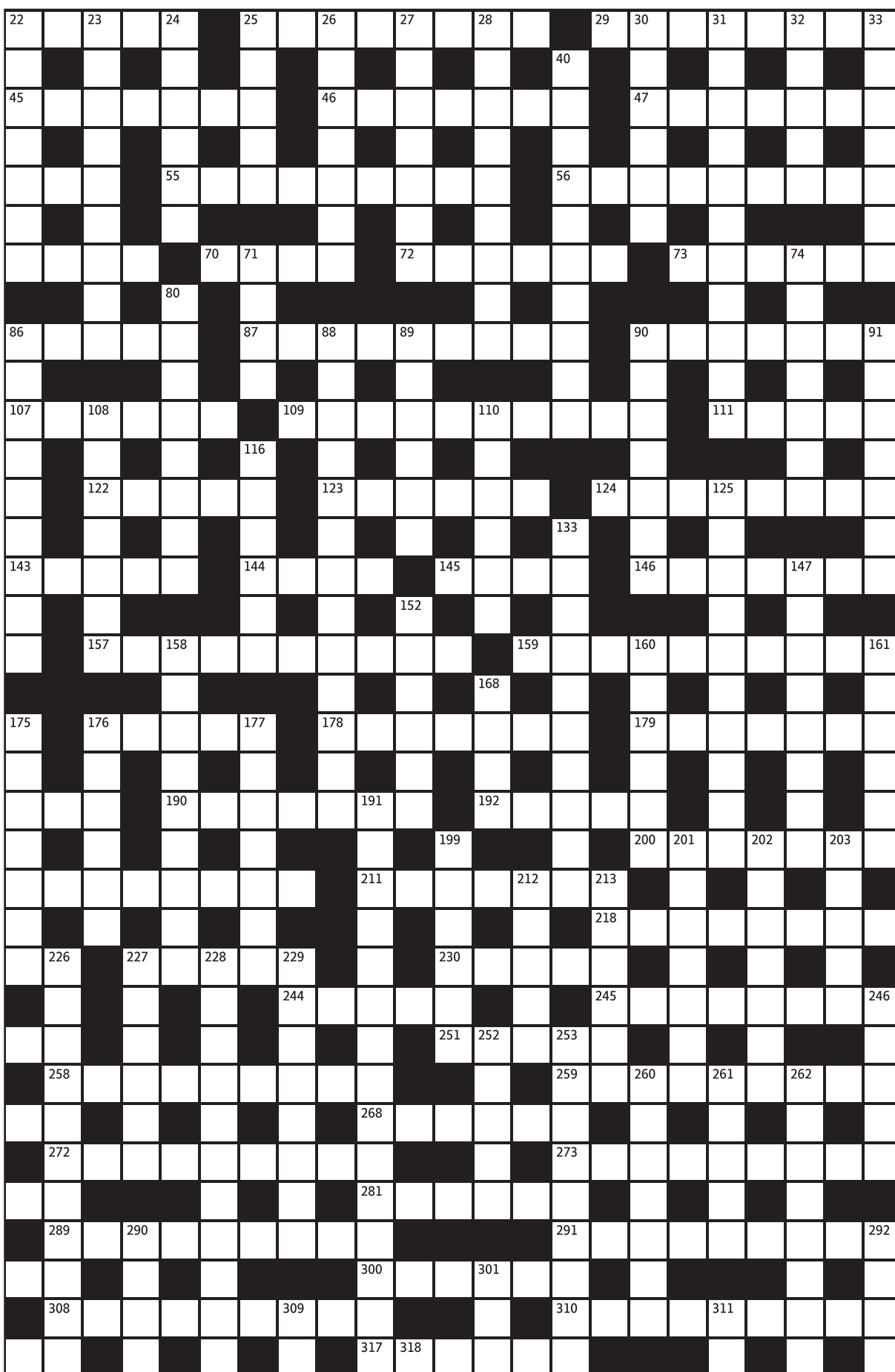
- 199** Fried Hanukkah treats (6)
201 On the way (2,5)
202 More palatable (7)
203 Anagram of 189-Down that means “presto!” (5)
205 *Noises Off*, e.g. (5)
208 More constricted (8)
209 Opera highlight (4)
212 Practical (2,3)
213 Japanese religion (6)
214 Diplomat (8)
220 Chaste (8)
222 Herb much used in Italian food (7)
224 Pep up (7)
225 Last movement of a sonata, often (5)
226 Slacker-skips-school film (6,7,1,3,3)
227 Bestow (6)
228 The 2000 U.S. election had the highest one since 1900 (5,7)
229 Roman emperor between Tiberius and Claudius (8)
232 Runway strutter (5)
233 Second line of a Christmas carol (3,5,2,3,4,3)
234 Gillian’s role on *The Crown* (8)
235 Like much Boxing Day merchandise (2,4)
237 Keyed up (5)
238 Zap, as leftovers (6)
239 Bus rider’s need, on some transit systems (5,4)
240 Piece in the Hasbro game Battleship (9)
241 1950s fad items (8,4)
242 Muse of lyric poetry (5)
243 Advice to a nervous eulogist (5,4,3,5)
246 Took a shine to (5)
248 University classes (8)
252 *Jesus, Take the _____* (Carrie Underwood hit) (5)
253 Pasta with a body part in its name (5,8)
256 Advocates for the planet (17)
260 Letter-writing guide (7)
261 Letter before iota (5)
262 Envelope name (9)
264 “Beaver” Cleaver’s real name (8)
275 Kellogg’s cereal (7,6)
276 Hydrogen, helium, _____, beryllium, ... (7)
277 Salamanders (5)
280 Mario’s video game brother (5)
283 12-year-old, e.g. (5)
284 Foolish fancy (7)
286 Polite behaviour (7)
288 Refrain from singing? (3,2,2)
290 Personnel file (7)
292 Leave the Union (6)
293 Squirm (6)
296 _____ cotta (5)
297 Actor in *Julie & Julia* (7,5)
299 Gallic goodbye (5)
301 Garfield’s favourite dish (7)
303 Awareness of self (9)
305 System in which “apples and pears” means “stairs” (7,5)
309 Take as one’s own (5)
311 Entrance hardware (8)
313 Illusionist and debunker who died in October 2020 (3,7,5)
315 Turn to confetti (3,2)
318 Forearm bones (5)
320 They provoke reactions (7)
323 “...wrapped him in _____ clothes, and laid him...” (9)
324 Disguised way to go (9)
327 Was indecisive (8)
331 Help session at university (8)
334 Gandhi, e.g. (5)
336 What a trebuchet is (8)
340 Crime-prevention program (13,5)
341 Gangster nicknamed Scarface (2,6)
343 *Gone With the Wind* star (5)
345 Threatening (7)
346 Scented pouch (6)
348 Reluctant (to) (6)
349 30% off, e.g. (8)
350 Mat word (7)
352 Fundamental (11)
353 Appear suddenly (3,2)
355 In the thick of (6)
357 Butterfly named for a punctuation mark (5)
359 *Say Yes to the _____* (bridal store reality series) (5)
361 Madagascar primate (5)
362 THC is its (psycho) active ingredient (8)
365 Relaxed (5)
368 Suit starter (9)
371 Close-combat martial art (7)
372 Attire in fine clothing (4,3)
373 The Friendly Ghost (6)
379 Major mess-up (5)
380 Silver cup in a showcase (6)
384 No-frills (5)
386 *Octopus’s Garden* singer (5)
389 Convert to French, maybe (9)
390 Scotch and Drambuie cocktail (5,4)
391 1922 Max Schreck vampire film (9)
392 Disrespect (8)
393 Wandering, as a tribe (7)
394 Long periods of time (4)
395 Gear parts (5)
396 Lost it (4,9)
397 Listless (13)
398 Bloodhound’s trail (5)
399 Polar light shows (7)
402 Endanger (7)
403 _____ is 20/20 (apt saying for the year 2020) (9)
405 Gracefully agile (7)
406 Room-sized early computer (5)
407 Bowling game (7)

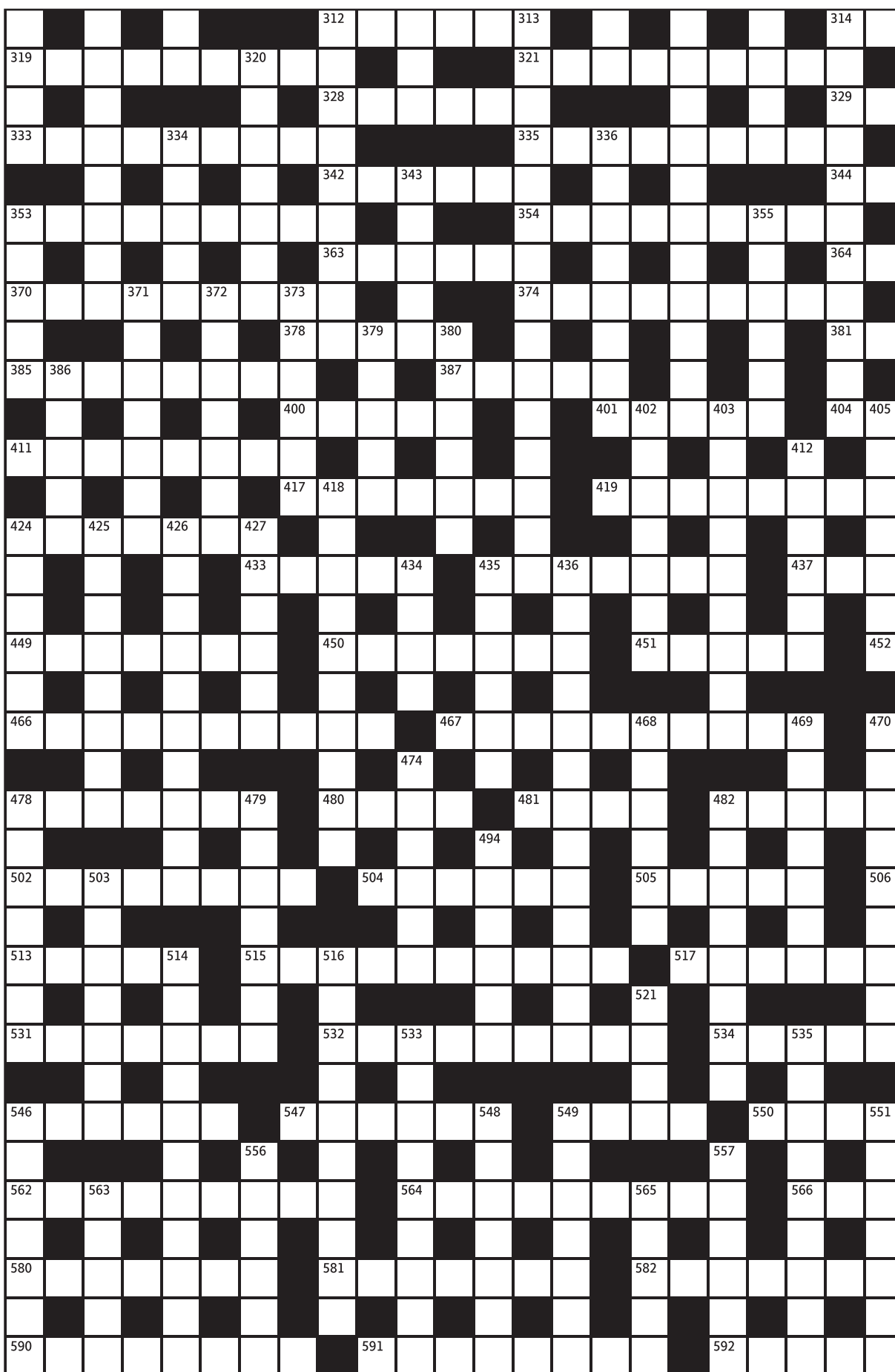
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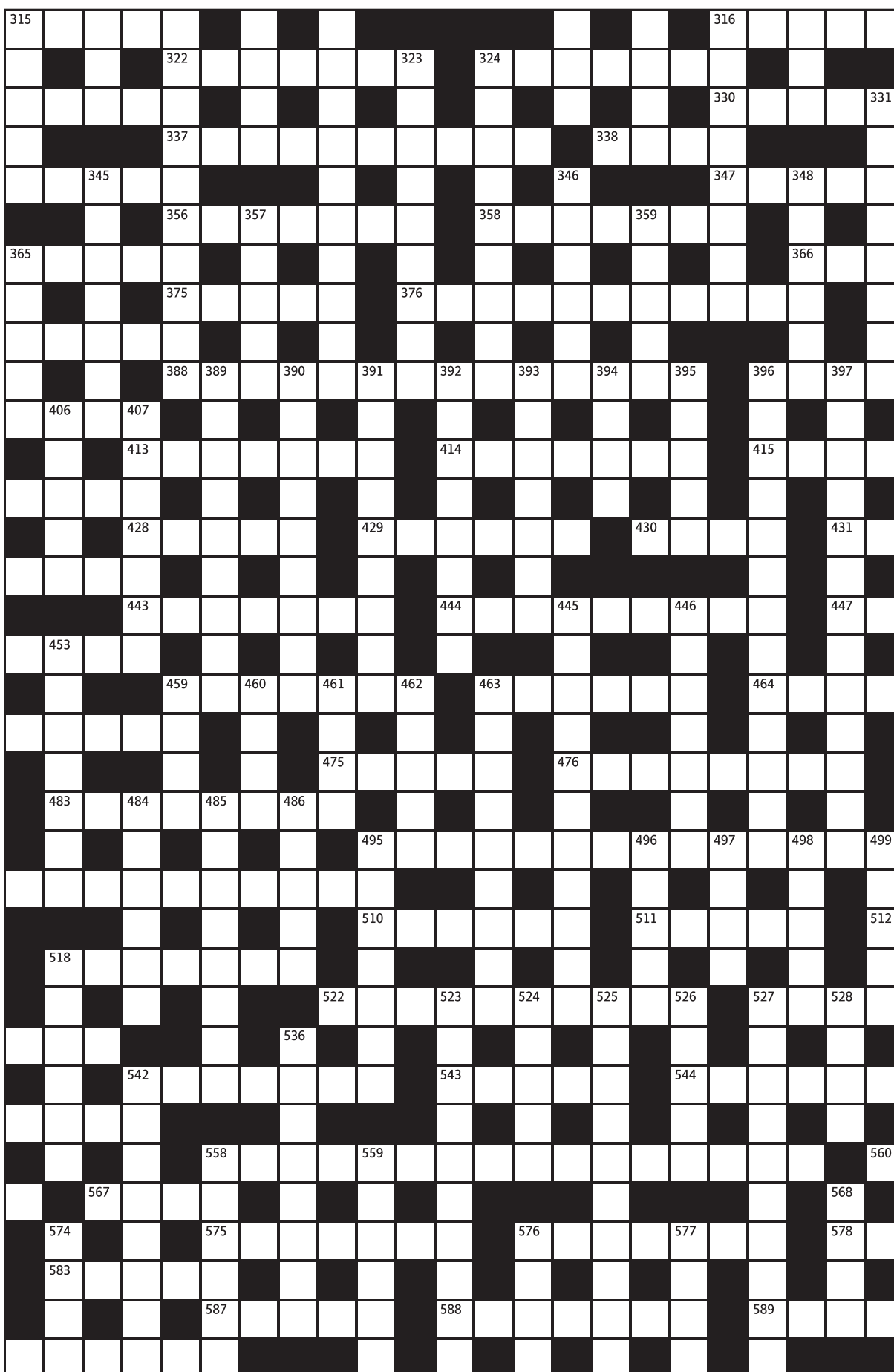
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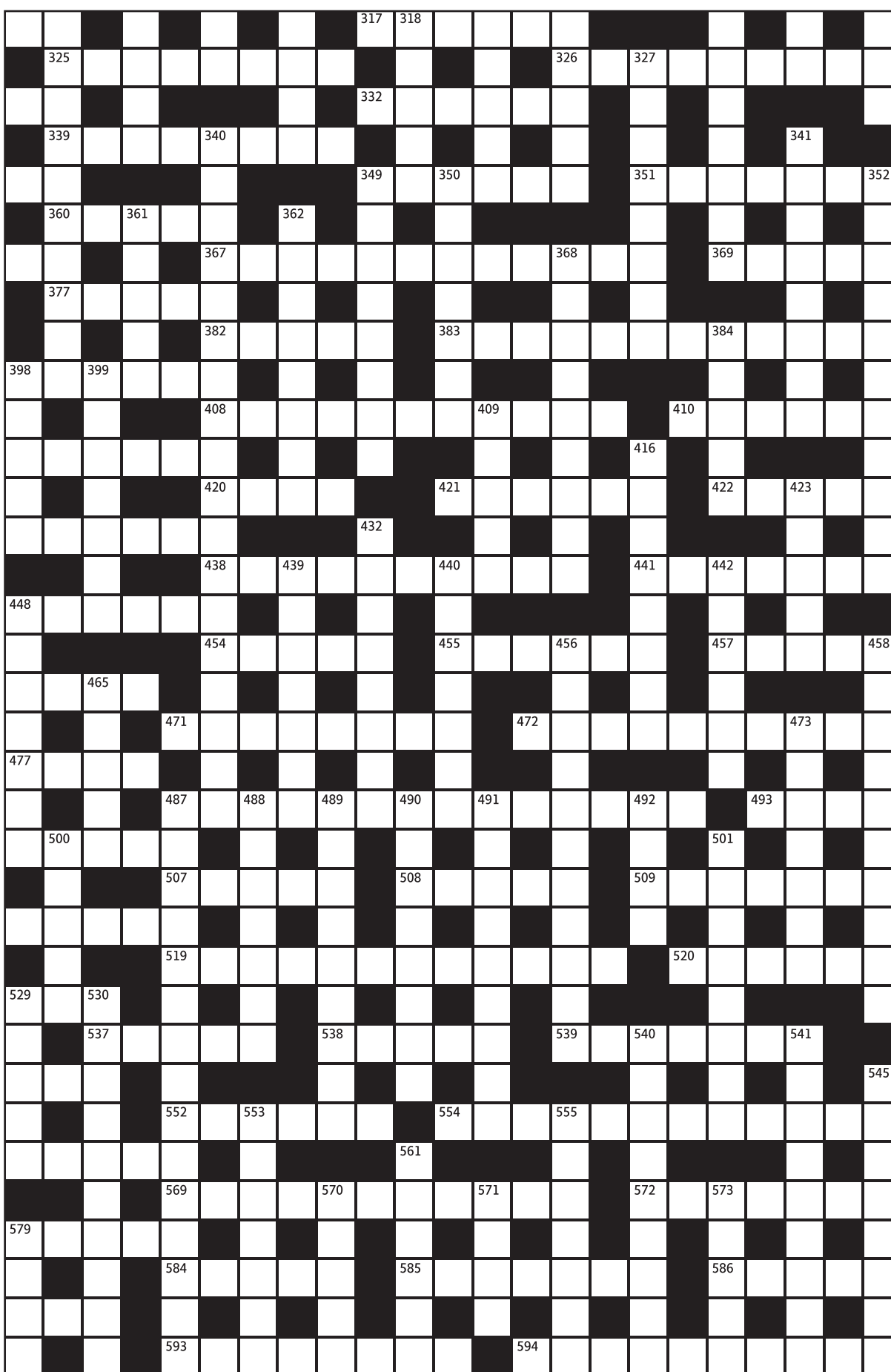
- 409** Hopeless case (5)
412 Largest province by area (6)
416 Presidential also-ran of 1988 and 2008 (3,5)
418 Marmalade ingredient (6,4)
423 Bosc cousin (5)
424 Take it all back (6)
425 Red-faced with embarrassment (8)
426 Cowardly person (7-3)
427 *The Mysterious _____ at Styles* (Agatha Christie's debut novel) (6)
432 Power-seizing leaders (8)
434 Vegan protein source (4)
435 Video chat device (6)
436 Glam 431-Across of David Bowie (5,8)
439 Had high hopes (7)
440 _____ and *Old Lace* (7)
442 Safe and sound (6)
445 *Deal or No Deal* host (5,6)
446 Lab tube with a stopcock (7)
448 Fast-moving ball sport (3,4)
453 Montreal _____ (English-language daily) (7)
456 1950s fashion item (arf!) (6,5)
458 Crystal Head Vodka co-founder (3,7)
459 See eye to eye (4)
460 *Waterloo* singers (4)
461 Unseat (4)
462 Incredible bargain (5)
463 Wonder Woman or Elastigirl, e.g. (9)
465 Sun block? (5)
468 Airbag activator (6)
469 Diver's breathing tube (7)
470 Hans Christian Andersen character (4,5)
473 World capital called Krung Thep by locals (7)
474 Plush fabric (6)
478 Classic Ford pony car (7)
479 Tetanus symptom (7)
482 Common airport amenity (4,4)
484 Cheated at hide and seek (6)
485 Theatre area with hangers (8)
486 Hypnotist's command (5)
487 *The Witcher 3* or *Mass Effect 2*, e.g. (4-7,4)
488 Point of view (7)
489 Statistic common to all points on a contour line (9)
490 Achieves a goal (8)
491 Baseball pentagon (4,5)
492 High-calorie (4)
494 Greek goddess of wisdom (6)
495 Reaps (7)
496 Dark time (5)
497 Marvel Comics mutants (1-3)
498 Bored feeling (5)
499 Swahili for "lion" (5)
500 Start a volleyball game (5)
501 It has a News Feed for each user (8)
503 "Fra-gee-lay" prop in *A Christmas Story* (3,4)
514 Our federal one is the Parliament of Canada (11)
516 Document of 1215 (5,5)
518 Most adorable (6)
521 Campus VIP (4)
523 NDP tactic of 2011 (10)
524 Steamed-milk drink (5)
525 Journey with a goal (10)
526 Summer Olympics site of 2020 (but now 2021) (5)
527 1987 romantic comedy with Cher (10)
528 Autumn garden tool (4)
529 Cluster (5)
530 December drop-in (5,5)
533 Comment from Scrooge (3,6)
535 Willy Wonka's creator (5,4)
536 Cupid, e.g. (8)
540 Start of *Oliver Twist*'s request (6,3)
541 More extensive (9)
542 Creche scene (8)
545 Mind readers (8)
546 Window above a door (7)
548 Country surrounded by South Africa (7)
549 Tenor Placido (7)
551 "God bless us every one!" speaker (4,3)
553 Flying toy caught by a dog (7)
555 Tree for a bowler? (7)
556 African trek (6)
557 Like *Hamlet* (6)
558 Washer setting (6)
559 Join the military (6)
561 "Tis the _____ to be jolly..." (6)
563 Japanese noodle soup (5)
565 Like some December weather (5)
568 Batik artist (4)
570 Actress Polley of *Go* (5)
571 Dreidel winnings (4)
573 Finals (5)
574 Bot's creation (4)
576 Fury (4)
577 Canoeing locale (4)
579 Part of your brain or ear (4)











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