

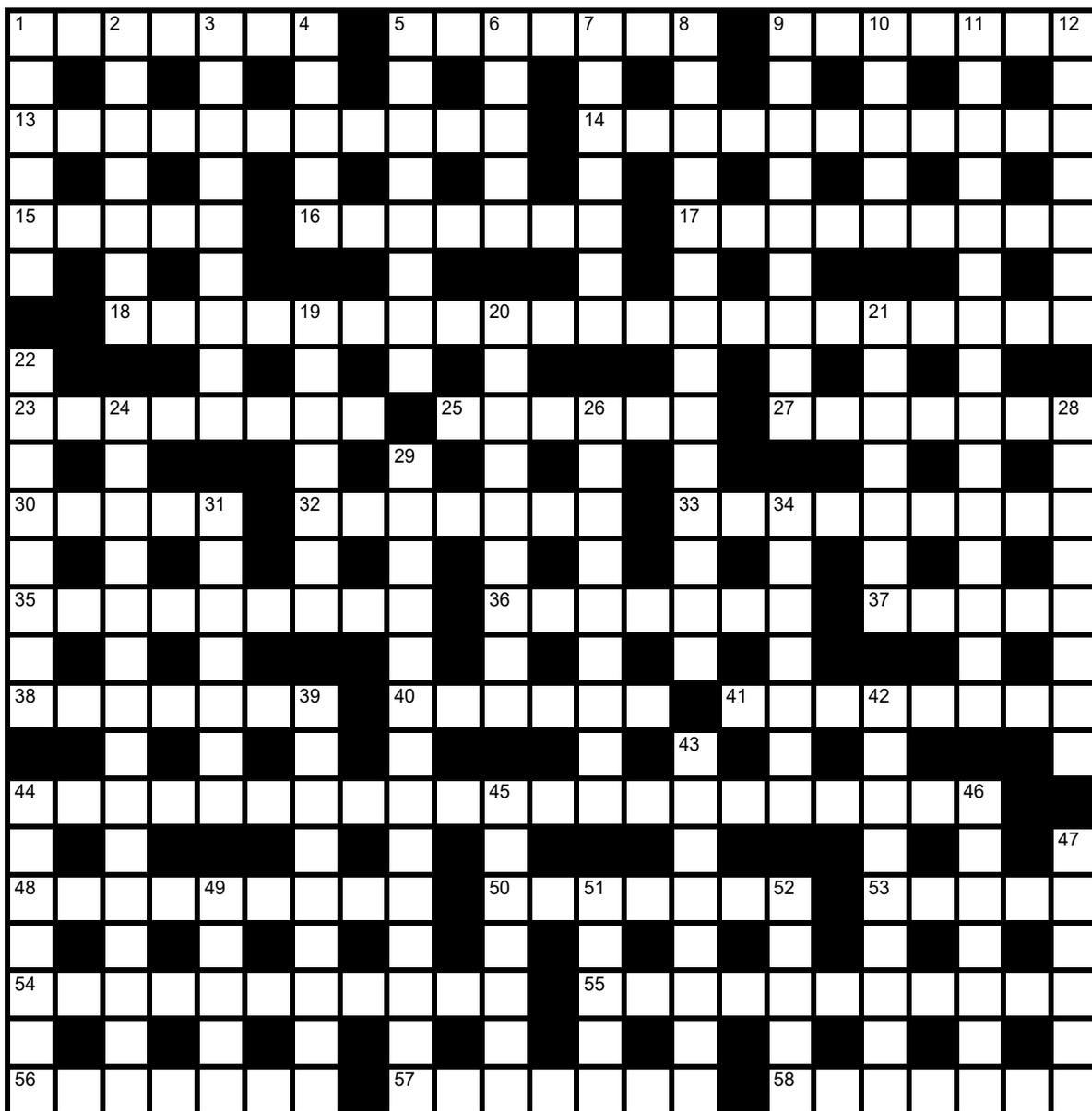
# Jumbo Crossword No 17,427 Set by ROSA KLEBB

## ACROSS

- 1 Special protection for every spy (7)  
 5 Microorganisms in A&E gowns (7)  
 9 Picking up phone, superior disposes of everything (5,2)  
 13 Ask too little of subordinate diplomat (11)  
 14 Naval officer married a drunk, greatly ignoring the odds (4,7)  
 15 Uncertain state of bishop in luxury car (5)  
 16 Sausages and mash began last of our dates (7)  
 17 Unfinished business in lavatory observed by policeman (5,4)  
 18 Dim niece excited after announcement of free health care (13,8)  
 23 Club fee is steep (8)  
 25 Game in lane after housework (6)  
 27 Venerable German behind American superhero (7)  
 30 Regularly take trip abroad for Triple Crown (5)  
 32 Self-inflicted setback that hurt organisation a lot at first (3,4)  
 33 Joining Oscar in house (9)  
 35 Conservative censored explosive climax (9)  
 36 Seconds away from madness and emptiness (7)  
 37 Faulty microphone finally records barking (5)  
 38 Run to corrupt politician for contract (2-5)  
 40 Male can, reportedly, like Songs of Praise (6)  
 41 School book without Head's introduction is better (8)  
 44 Living with someone slow-witted and sweet (5-3-6,7)  
 48 Saw person find fault with record (9)  
 50 Offspring of professional millenials (7)  
 53 Sheepish old rambler (5)  
 54 Sex limited by unusually great urge to throw up (11)  
 55 After initial exchange, chooses diminutive toady (11)  
 56 Opening of enquiry after bloke dined on sea cow (7)  
 57 Beginning new climb (7)  
 58 What you do next after vacation, financially sound (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Small male, unattractive in a self-satisfied way (6)  
 2 Stop mistreating mice, common locally (7)  
 3 Some supper for mercurial artiste (9)  
 4 Woman retiring with sailor in lush facility? (5)  
 5 Key ally heartlessly mocks NATO radar, perhaps (8)  
 6 Bird always going north around end of



- June (5)  
 7 Coffee provider in Italian city station (7)  
 8 Ex-PM's stark victory south of Falklands port (7,7)  
 9 Note each time for popular series (4,5)  
 10 Fancy sons all shun slums and mess (5)  
 11 Overnight I slink about, being a mouse (9,6)  
 12 Piles bothered discontented spouse in old coat (7)  
 19 Limited hugs start to ease personal disappointment (3-4)  
 20 Result of playing with some lingo? (9)  
 21 In a perfect world one moves slowly, conserving energy (7)  
 22 Turned up volume, beginning of infernal racket perhaps :( (8)  
 24 Charles, Edward and George's adversary smoked heroin (6,3,6)  
 26 My Oedipal complex? It's synthetic (9)  
 28 Hear again about US soldiers in record store (8)  
 29 Where drinker may go, and profit as well (4,3,7)  
 31 Came into possession of an indecent broadcast (7)  
 34 Wilful wife and husband leaving London gallery (7)  
 39 Clips rubbish suit material (9)  
 42 Leader manipulated adroit lie (9)  
 43 Excited congress delegate returned punch (8)  
 44 Two males in coarse cloth (7)  
 45 Hardy girl going round back of Soho Place half-naked (7)  
 46 Like to be purged after corn and inedible meat (7)  
 47 Most otherworldly of eyes, totally enthralling (6)  
 49 Bird rues losing wings (5)  
 51 Unclothed dollies jump on board (5)  
 52 Ayes from Skye lasses, half-cut (5)

## Solution 17,420

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