

JUMBO CROSSWORD No 17,694 by LEONIDAS

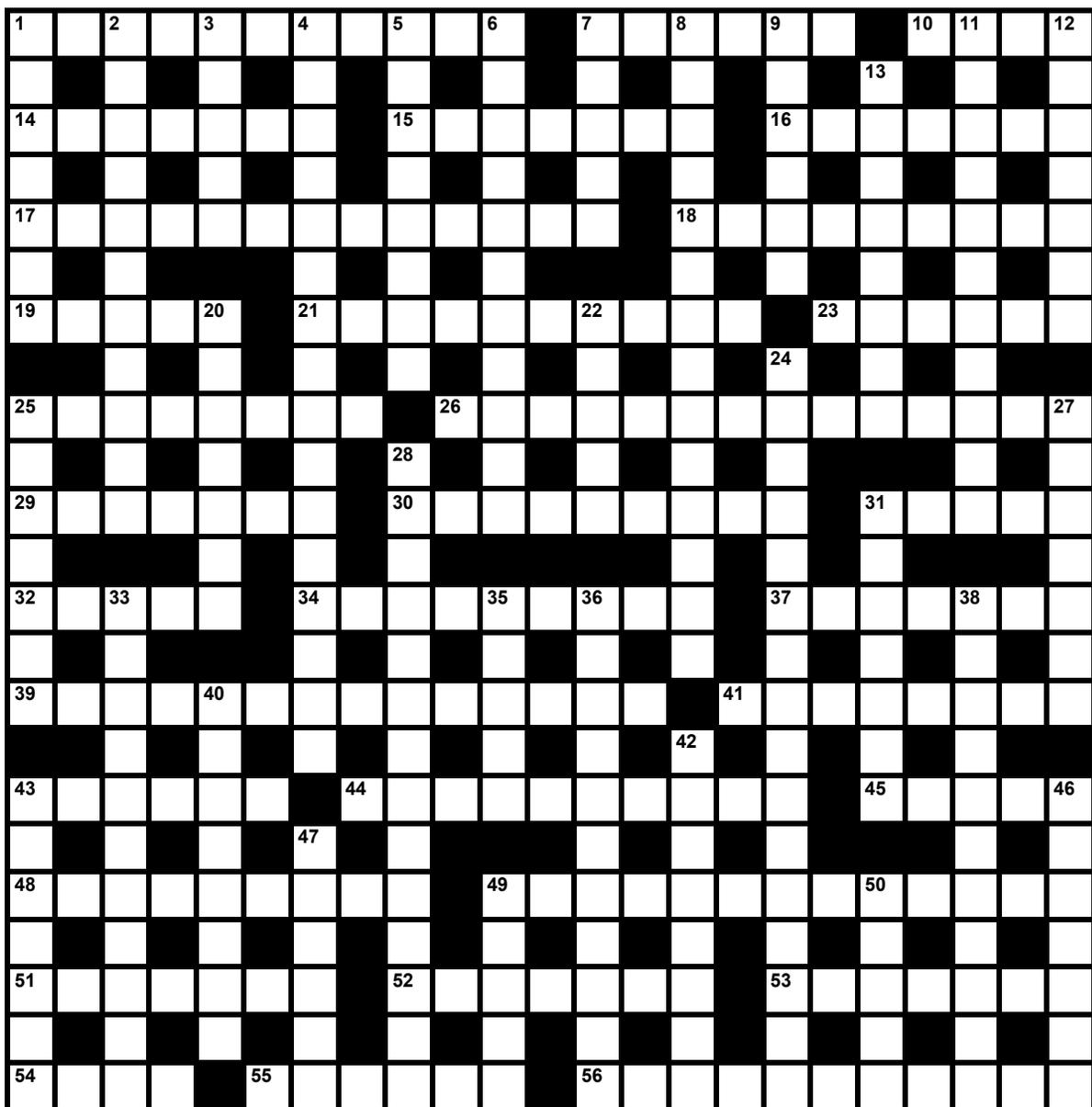
ACROSS

- 1 Organised who's clothing those on horseback (11)
 7 Countenance 6 meeting wise person (6)
 10 Setter and relative brought back bird (4)
 14 Animal eggs repelled Oliver? (3,4)
 15 Plant in *Bar 10* withered (7)
 16 Cunning insult in auditorium (7)
 17 Gear systems operated in empty towns' embassies (13)
 18 Two types of ooze covering street in March (5-4)
 19 State of Aslan's hair stated (5)
 21 Two types of soldier slate attorney's Chinese loan? (5,5)
 23 Haddock enthusiast fed by tavern (6)
 25 10 rampant on eastern tourist hotspot (8)
 26 Clear Maggie in trouble on secure airport area (7,7)
 29 Incomparable balls exposed by magazine (3-4)
 30 Take part in hanky-panky with one small condition (9)
 31 Means of carrying diamonds kept by Mr Bean? (5)
 32 Note essentially replaced by fine musician (5)
 34 Safe crossing frost's edge (9)
 37 Individual right to collect rubbish, theoretically (2,5)
 39 Position vessel after random easterly wind (14)
 41 Western bird circling Greek on French street (4,4)
 43 Last of citrus fruit college picked out to make liquor (6)
 44 Part of dirt spread with engine (10)
 45 Support extremely tough wheel projections (5)
 48 Key paper originally was one on ceramics (9)
 49 Crystal ale cup fashioned in an amazing way (13)

- 51 Flower with fringes of purple by barrel 1A (7)
 52 Fit explosive having consumed a tippie (7)
 53 Classic *Album of Blues* this tablet regularly skipped (3,2,2)
 54 Ton of Italian sauce exported for Philippine capital (4)
 55 Distress English school (6)
 56 Cryptically, HD is devoid of ideas (5-6)

DOWN

- 1 Layer pastries upside down? I'm not sure (7)
 2 Working artist quitting *Carmen* maybe sensible (11)
 3 First person in Paris records conveyances (5)
 4 Option you might take after an unfortunate split (7-5,4)
 5 Operator's new tours grabbing attention? Au contraire (8)



- 6 Shrink below upturned transport gets farm out (11)
 7 Body in space captured by vehicle in ascent (5)
 8 Velma's pal follows politician's tale (6-3,5)
 9 Capital blocks German women's workplace tactic (2-4)
 11 Basic trap hoisted Jack (3-8)
 12 Attack put nose out of joint (3,4)
 13 Veg Claire cooked at end of church (8)
 20 Recently behaving more like a noble? (7)
 22 Guess 'two-thirds of a month' on start of round (5)
 24 Satiric actor played supporter in a posh way (16)
 25 Illicit trade concealed by extant RAF fictionalised (7)
 27 Period climbing around in a tower (7)
 28 Last note landlord hung from pricey bit of US porcelain (4,4,6)
 31 Knowing deliverer of gifts mostly stocking food (7)

- 33 Indicate jazz singer on TV rolling lashes (11)
 35 Mr T eliminated Scrooge (5)
 36 PhD student might be doing this interrogation? (5,6)
 38 A favourite judge has daughter committed (11)
 40 Organic pigment, possibly no trace on Earth (8)
 42 Crush Hull's arm perhaps with power in video game (4-2-2)
 43 Difficulties over American father's drink (4,3)
 46 Rustic look adopted by short composer (7)
 47 Country with approximately nothing (6)
 49 Function with attachment of muscle to bone (5)
 50 Beverage not as fizzy when uncovered (5)

Solution 17,688

