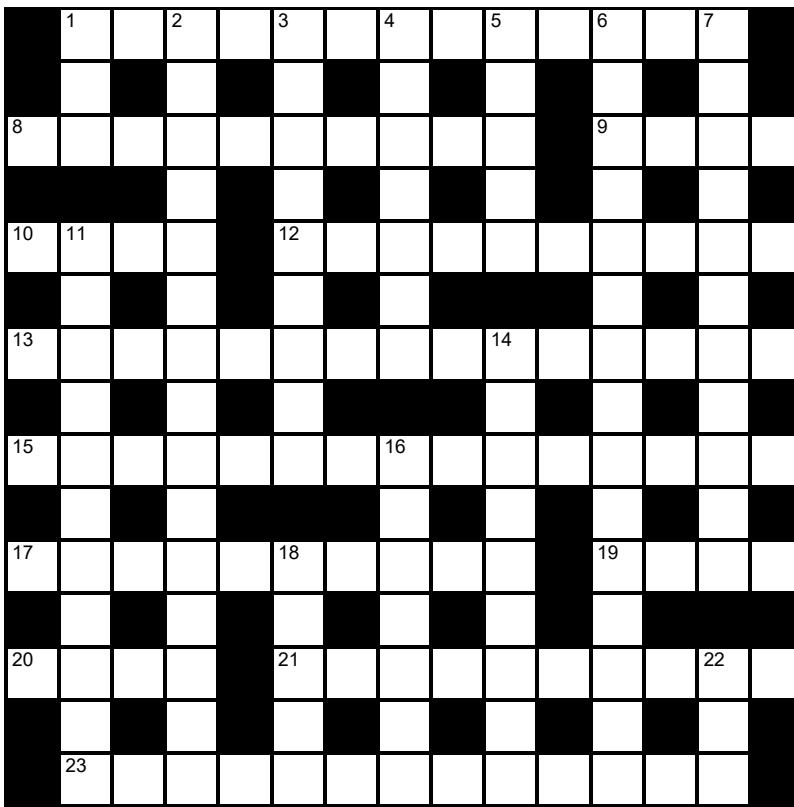
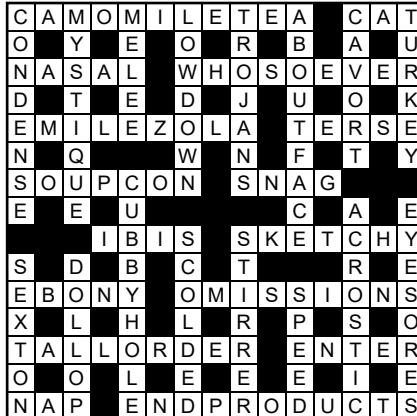


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ACROSS

- 1 Be *that* excited (right of title-holder!) to get on with it? (5,2,3,3)
- 8 Took care of equine TV star in parts (10)
- 9/19 Like pie? Perhaps too much like eggs? (4,4)
- 10/20 Didn't quite finish the meal just to your right (4,1,3)
- 12 Helium and nitrogen supply brief series of bangs! (3-7)
- 13 Diss local plum pies during long drink of bubbly? (7,8)
- 15 Rotten MOD target setter called work (15)
- 17 Here on and off is alto, flourishing within limits of chancel (10)
- 19 See 9
- 20 See 10
- 21 Obsessive captain following order on every landing site (5,5)
- 23 Extrovert outcasts do work on cases (1,6,6)

DOWN

- 1/22 Cross, rip off salad leaf (6)
- 2 Perhaps porter has provided for big guy's penetrating film tune (1,4,2,1,7)
- 3 Trashy book consumption on board P&O vessel (9)
- 4 Sailor went smelling American plant (7)
- 5 Leaders of holy war brought down pilgrim (5)
- 6 Earl left college with stuck-up fellow wearing sibling's footwear (7,8)
- 7 What I do about keeping explosive Games news within range (3,8)
- 11 Involving love repeatedly, old queen's preoccupation, principally habit-forming? (11)
- 14 Elite competitors off cycling overwhelmed by millions of tits (9)
- 16 Perk up with, for instance, a Californian wine valley (7)
- 18 Aptly heads embarking on special boat (5)
- 22 See 1

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