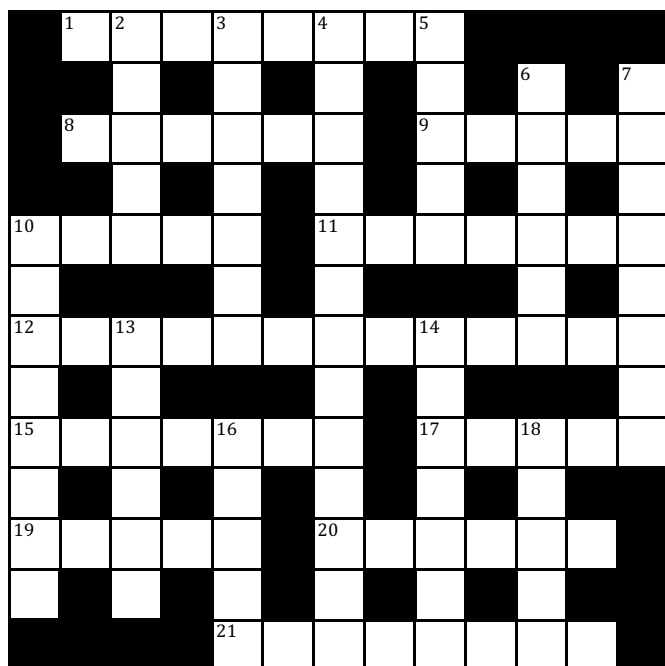


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The clues should be solved as for a normal cryptic, but there are a couple of fiendish twists to this puzzle!

1. Although a number is given to each clue, it is not generally correct, i.e. it is not the same as the one you need to use on the grid (one implication of this is that you don't initially know the length of the answers). To find the correct grid number, add the alphabetic value (A=1, B=2 etc.) of the initial letter of the answer, and if the result is more than 21, subtract 21. For example, if a clue numbered 20 had the answer POLECAT, the P would be worth 16, and so the REAL grid number would be  $20+16-21$ , i.e. 15.
2. When entering answers into the grid, add each letter's position in the word to its alphabetic value, counting the FIRST position as ZERO, and subtracting 26 if you go past Z. For example, POLECAT would be entered into the grid as PPNHGFZ.

Best of British Luck!

Torus, 18/7/87

## ACROSS

- 1 Creatures not inside the boundaries of skid marks.
- 3 Units of murder who provide entertainment.
- 7 Killing out of time in a metal head gasket.
- 9 Loose musical inversion gets one going.
- 10 Oriental master has perception of me.
- 10 Sixth letter E forced back by water.
- 12 Start of ethereal hesitation that's spooky.
- 12 No point in having mature class.
- 15 Epicurean left in the sack.
- 17 Intelligence on reverse after seventh year starts relative to sun.
- 19 Music master reverses fault by starting to read original.

## DOWN

- 1 Building style out of nothing in 600 seconds of true, fighting input.
- 3 For an opener, strike the cross in reverse.
- 5 Cutter in inverted quote; nothing's right.
- 8 Rough request for silence after laughter starts rippling.
- 9 Reward gained if you run about after gangster's rear end, strangely.
- 12 Placation of angry film coalition.
- 12 Vein one's missing needs no initial micro surgery for toxins.
- 13 Stones a little despot after first judgement.
- 15 Crazy leap around the court without bending a muscle.
- 16 Cocktail of hash and pot – you might get a head.
- 19 Ticker gives out after timid loss of identity.