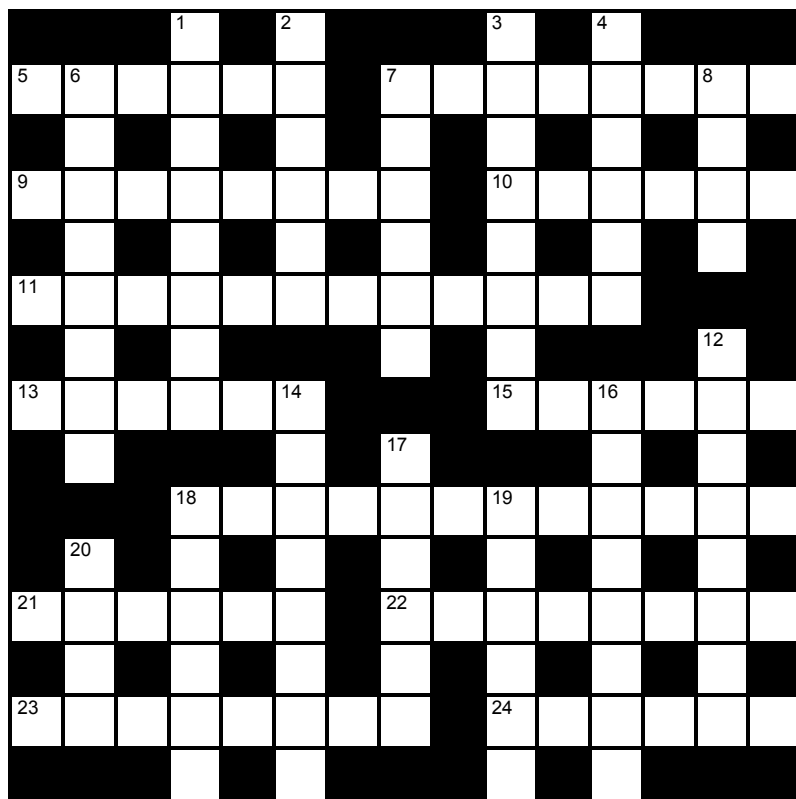


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Who is the author?



Across

- 5 Mark fails to start drink (6)
- 7 Approach to strike procedure (8)
- 9 Hackneyed opposition leader's knowledgeable about Unionist (8)
- 10 Disreputable ladies lay back embracing a sport (6)
- 11 Pretty morsel prepared for Mother Carey's chicken (6,6)
- 13 Permit El Tel to sack wingers (6)
- 15 Draw a small tuft of hairs (6)

- 18 Type of gear fat in-fielder sported (12)
- 21 Tool Prolixic inserted in bottom (6)
- 22 Attar, a remedy containing inverted sugar (8)
- 23 New metal instrument (8)
- 24 Arrangement in symphony about French saint (6)

Down

- 1 Relative holds kitchen implement donated by Adam? (5,3)
- 2 Byzantine yet, say, insubstantial (6)

- 3 Apparently repairs triplanes in part of Heathrow (8)
- 4 Patrol dock? (6)
- 6 Prompting Victor to oust Charlie is delightful (8)
- 7 Pentagon occupants treasure a car (6)
- 8 Main point is oddly overlooked before too long (4)
- 12 Take issue with timeless tragedies perhaps (8)
- 14 Swear European payment's a nerve of sorts? (8)
- 16 Warrant a pay cut or freeze is implied (8)

- 17 Forces supported by key scientist (6)
- 18 In retrospect, say, a defence strategy creates devastation (6)
- 19 Troops leave horsemen floundering in trap (6)
- 20 Creature seen in the old Pacific tree (4)