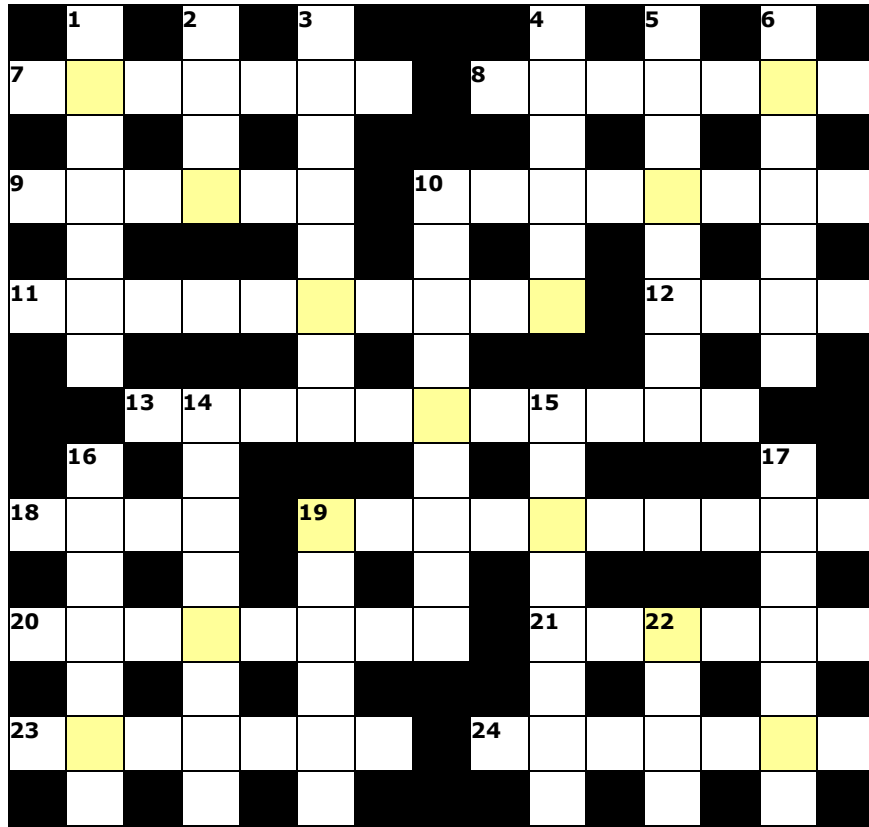


A conversation in *The Fascinating Problem of Uncle Meleager's Will*, a short story by Dorothy L. Sayers, provided inspiration for the theme of this puzzle.



Sam

### Across

- 7: Also in decline reflected wizard (7)
- 8: Patty left leaves, autumn leaf whirling (7)
- 9: Oddly claims art vandalised on the road (6)
- 10: Peace in a warring family tree? (8)
- 11: Audibly poach a Queens' bird? (10)
- 12: Unlimited fancy jelly (4)
- 13: Waiter's 1-down wraps paintings (10)
- 18: Do delete coordinates from this phone? (4)
- 19: First impressions entering club hooks companies (10)
- 20: Setback after brute nearly moves (8)
- 21: Type of profiling 50% amoral admitted agency (6)
- 23: Officer ready (7)
- 24: Sleeping around, remains embarrassed (7)

### Down

- 1: Spooner's evidence further tries to end the bull? (7)
- 2: Secondhand hoover, perhaps, thrown out of the garden? (4)
- 3: Soft mountain climbing rope (8)
- 4: Revolutionary, a contemporary raced through the closet? (6)
- 5: Framework covers hot pursuit (3,5)
- 6: Regular losses greet May, weary-making exit (7)
- 10: Offset is a rapper in retro loafers (9)
- 14: Cassandra.brokers@mail (8)
- 15: Germ in Scotland not breaking a habit (8)
- 16: Deny benefit claim (7)
- 17: Reasonable leader to finish covering pitch for solar giant? (7)
- 19: Comic orderly (6)
- 22: Digs into Circa salad (4)