

"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 809)



Clues Across

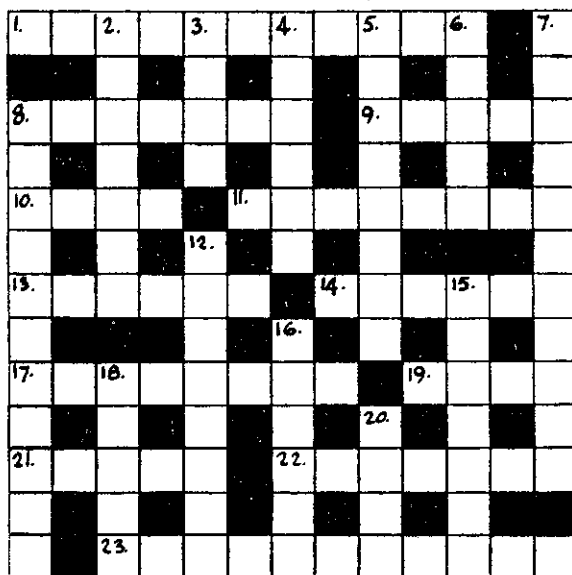
1. Design a room for these; a play-room, obviously (6, 5).
8. No ale is necessary for this creature (7).
9. Angry, that is, about a backward sailor (5).
10. Found in Scotland, and this is the making of England (4).
11. This musical composition is largely the work of a skilful speaker (8).
13. Absorbed (6).
14. Fate is involved in this merrymaking (6).
17. Would this worshipper ride a lot? (8).
19. When you take one, it takes you (4).
21. Part of the legal proceedings of the trial I bitterly resented (5).
22. Since I come before nine, it's utterly ridiculous (7).

23. In extreme confusion Tina will destroy completely (11).

Clues Down

2. A terse ad is the favourite (7).
3. Leave out part of the room itself (4).
4. These folk at least make an attempt at last (6).
5. Assert that Nita is upset in the sea? (8).
6. Deserters suffer a reverse when I am in their midst, so I can go up one (5).
7. I prove great privilege (11).
8. Write my name if I am not able? This is full of meaning (11).
12. The writer of records provides the English queen with an inventory (8).
15. Man is at odds with staying power (7).
16. Make good (6).
18. This girl is an acquired taste (5).
20. I'm upset more than once by this operatic girl (4).

No. 810 (Constructed by R.W.H.)



"TOPS IN POPS"

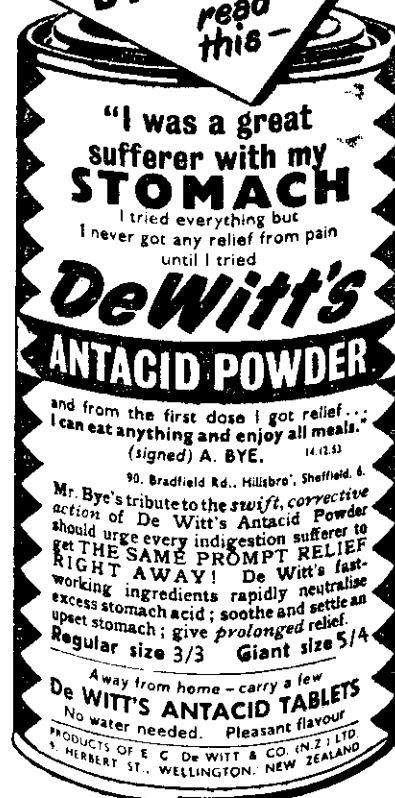
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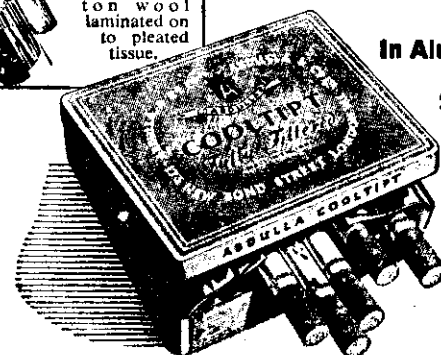
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