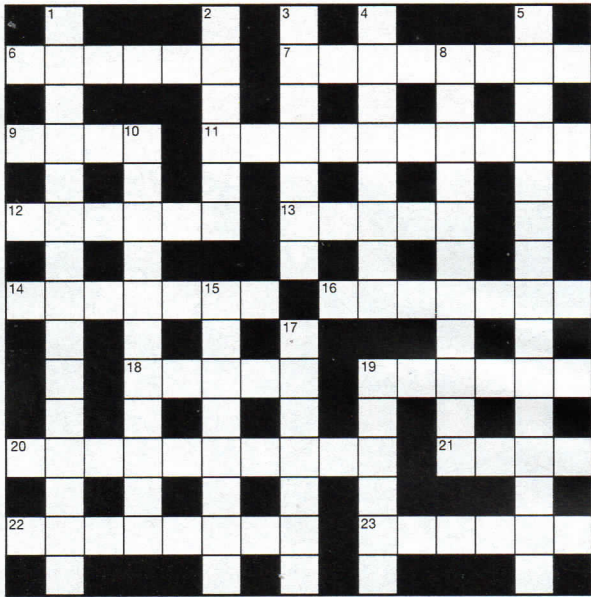


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**ACROSS**

- 6 'But \_\_\_\_\_, like Oxford, had kept the background for romance...': 20 across (6)
- 7 Fallen arches meaning soles rest entirely on the ground (4,4)
- 9 Crustacean which represents the zodiac sign of Cancer (4)
- 11 'Dorian made no answer, but passed \_\_\_\_\_ in front of his picture...': 20 across (10)
- 12 As attended on a Sunday (6)
- 13 '\_\_\_ Frutti': Little Richard (5)
- 14 To begin with (2,5)
- 16 'You know we poor artists have

- to show ourselves in society from time to time, just to remind the public that we are not \_\_\_\_\_': 20 across (7)
- 18 'Whenever people \_\_\_\_\_ with me I always feel I must be wrong': 20 across (5)
- 19 Evasive (6)
- 20 19th-century playwright and wit (5,5)
- 21 'The only thing to do with \_\_\_\_\_ advice is to pass it on': 20 across (4)
- 22 Borough of New York City (8)
- 23 Peninsula between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 To have control

- especially in a marriage (4,3,8)
- 2 '\_\_\_\_\_ is the primary duty of life': 20 across (6)
- 3 Balances (7)
- 4 The capital city of Malta (8)
- 5 Having benevolent objectives (4,11)
- 8 'It is better to

- have a permanent income than to be \_\_\_\_\_': 20 across (11)
- 10 West African country (7,4)
- 15 Astutely (8)
- 17 'I must \_\_\_\_\_ your invitation owing to a subsequent engagement': 20 across (7)
- 19 Lecture (6)

**SOLUTION TO NO 1,736**

