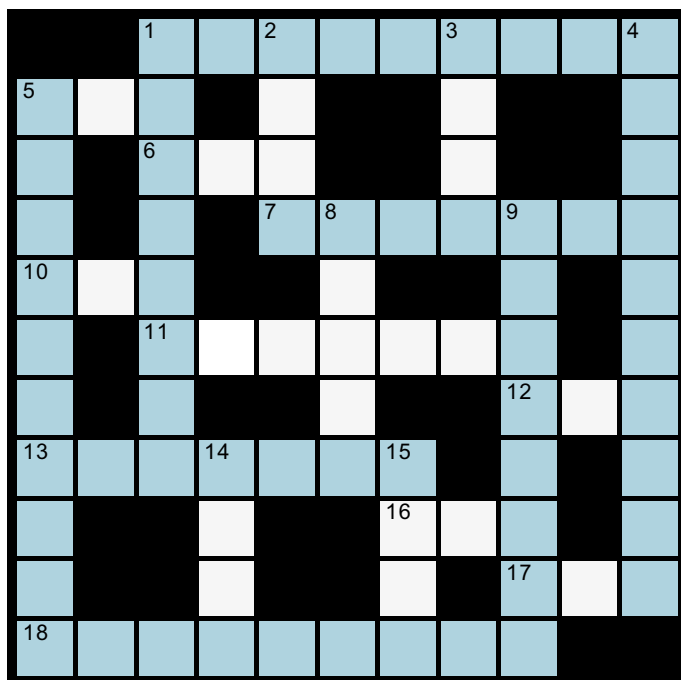


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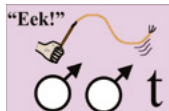
1 "But I'm zany!" he blurted out in old Istanbul (9)



7 Spider woman to reach an agreement (7)



13 Dead set against being calmed down (7)



18 Kit that can quieten a member, properly applied (9)

ACROSS

- 5 The grumpiest people are a bit tart (3)
6 Ignited something of the abolitionist within me (3)
10 Have something of a nervous breakdown (3)
11 Scoring, while lessening the slope (7)
12 Watch it end up as wallop! (3)
16 Snake in and out of the raspberries (3)
17 Answer's not in here! (Stumped?) (3)

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1 Was part of 'Bold' gene that's modified (8)



4 Begin to unravel karate mats (4,1,5)



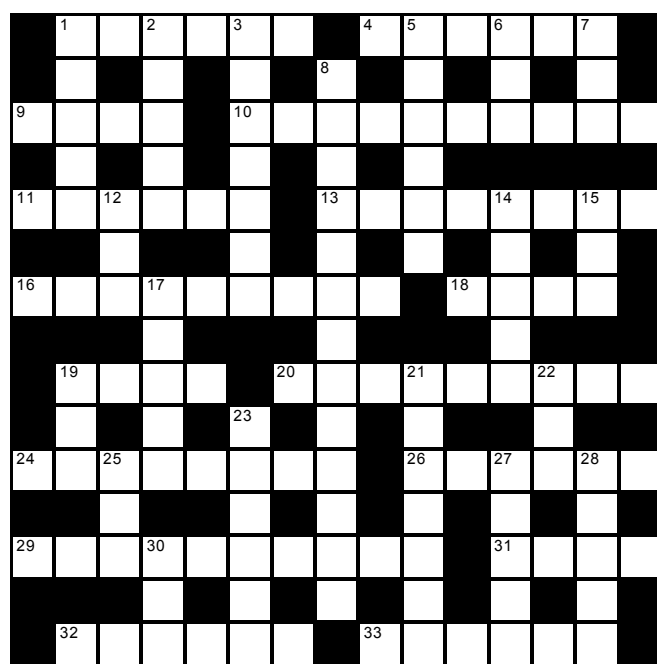
5 Cough up, but not expectorantly! (3,4,3)



9 Climax of lofty location? (4,4)

DOWN

- 2 At last! (Greek to Catherine J though) (4)
3 Powder used in antenatal clinics (4)
8 Dirge composed for one of high pressure (5)
14 Against policy, ain't it? (4)
15 Mead brewed just for a lady (4)



ACROSS

- 1 Time to pass when asleep maybe? (6)
4 Act out strange concordat near Ripley (6)
9 Even so, one is abominable (4)
10 Dig out the hairdye near Wirksworth (10)
11 Old local prop, say, of the spinning industry? (6)
13 This river flows out of Burton, OK? (8)
16 Tax on pubs unfairly set in Watertown (6,3)
18 Possible to finish in this village S of Winster (4)
19 Abbey, a memorable part of this village (4)
20 Constant novice who's not deciduous? (9)
24 Sell rubbish to crew at a place with Craggs (8)
26 Not put back South of Chesterfield? (6)
29 Italian stuff, not a patch on Hartington's 3 down? (10)
31 A lot has changed for this singer (4)
32 Managers of our wall tops? (6)
33 Totals of a hasty pudding ruined without its thingy (4,2)

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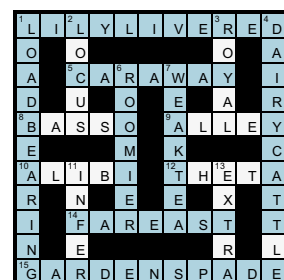
- 1 Make an effort with tree by shaping (5)
2 Farewell to aide as a bad turn (5)
3 Lions in a race to make Hartington's blue one (7)
5 It may be a peculiarity, but do tidy the mess! (6)
6 Engineered part of a maiden name (3)
7 Hungry animal bit the rug (3)
8 It just shows you what was mine in Matlock Bath! (5,8)
12 Roman king who was a bit anorexic? (3)
14 Arbiter, not at pains to deliver Smedley's folly (5)
15 Auctioneer is somewhat individual (3)
17 They're smart up in Crich! (5)
19 Learning to hold the listener (3)
21 Free nut with application of lard, in place of manners (7)
22 Take in off the beaten track (3)
23 A heron in flight, north west of Ilkeston (6)
25 Mistake, sounding hesitant? (3)
27 Supertankers, with no returns to our hilltops (5)
28 Draughty conditions for ale? (2,3)
30 Breach begins to get around protocol (3)

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