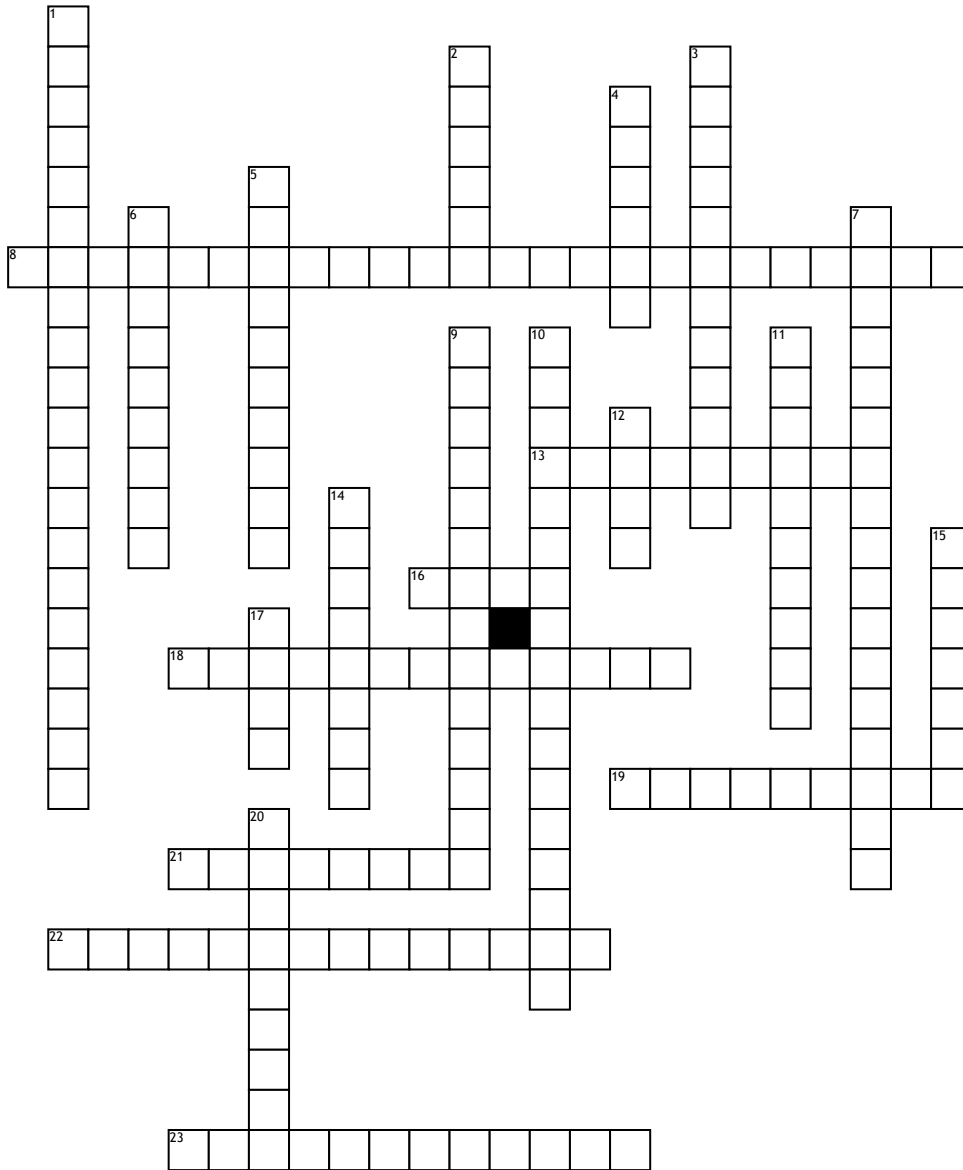


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Wedding Traditions



Across

8. The bridegroom valiantly protects his bride from evil spirits by _____
13. The Bouquet was once a preventative measure in contracting _____
16. Something blue symbolizes (2) _____
18. _____ in a wedding symbolize innocence, the future, and new beginnings
19. In the United States, _____ tons of gold are used each year to make wedding rings
21. Pope Innocent III declared that there should be a waiting period between betrothal and marriage which was the beginning of _____
22. Something new symbolizes _____
23. The Roman goddess, Juno, rules over marriage and childbirth, hence the popularity of _____

Down

1. This tradition originated in England and France because guests ripped off pieces of the bride's gown as a token of good luck.
2. The English believed that a _____ found in a wedding dress meant good luck
3. _____ lead the bride to a sweet and plentiful future
4. Something blue symbolizes (1) _____
5. Something old symbolizes _____
6. Grooms used to kidnap their brides with _____
7. Something borrowed symbolizes _____
9. The groom once needed to defend against jealous rivals, requiring that his sword hand was free, creating the traditional _____

10. In 1840, Queen Victoria began the tradition of a _____

11. In Ancient Greece they believed in the Vena Amoris which led to the tradition of the _____
12. Greeks and Romans believed this would protect the bride from evil spirits that were jealous of her happiness and sought to disrupt the union
14. Something blue symbolizes (3) _____
15. A good swordman was needed to retrieve a runaway bride when weddings were business transactions
17. A relic of once performed fertility rites, guests would throw _____ at the bride
20. After the wedding, family would take _____ Wine to the bridal couple while they hid for 30 days, or one _____