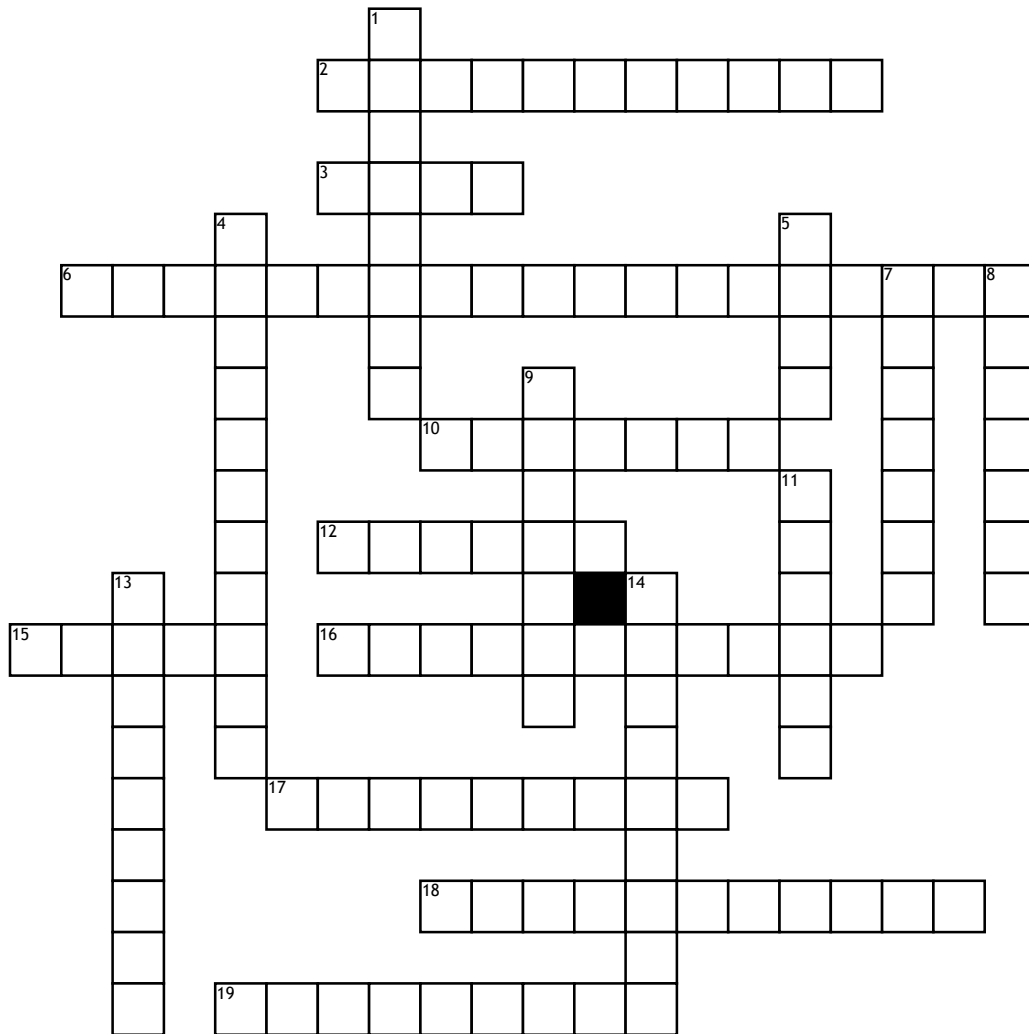


There Will Come Soft Rains



Across

2. The dishes _____ like magic tricks, and in the study a click.
3. There, down the tubes which fed into the cellar, it was dropped into the sighing vent of an incinerator which sat like evil _____ in a dark corner.
6. _____ in the upper halls, like delicacies, baking off the oily flesh, tenderly crisping the canvases into black shavings.
10. wire, its nerves revealed as if a surgeon had torn the sk in off to let the red veins and capillaries quiver in the scalded air.
12. Over this ran aluminum roaches and iron crickets, and in the hot, still air butterflies of delicate red tissue wavered among the sharp aroma of animal _____.

15. And there was the patter of _____ feet and the murmur of fresh jungle rain, like other hoofs, falling upon the summer starched grass.
16. The animals drew away into the _____.
17. The mechanical house was _____ of the events in the world outside.
18. In the kitchen, an instant before the rain of fire and timber, the stove could be seen making breakfasts at a _____ rate, ten dozen eggs, six loaves of toast, twenty dozen bacon strips which, eaten by fire, started the stove working again, hysterically hissing!
19. Hidden films clocked through the well oiled _____.

4. At night, the city gave off a radioactive glow that could be seen for miles.
5. Playing cards fluttered onto pads in a shower of _____.
7. The _____ poetry was recited until the very end.
8. Cleaning _____, bottled, shattered over the stove.
9. Out of _____ in the wall, tiny robot mice darted.
11. The nursery floor was woven to resemble a crisp _____ meadow.
13. Images of panthers could be seen _____ on the walls of the nursery
14. The _____ branches swayed in the night breezes.

Down

1. The house was so concerned with self-protection that it almost seemed to suffer from _____.

Word Bank

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| sprockets | Radioactive | Picassos and Matises | cereal |
| Psycopathic | okapi | paranoia | sublime |
| Scalded | warrens | solvent | thorn brakes |
| pips | cavorting | Manipulated | tremulous |
| baal | spoors | oblivious | |