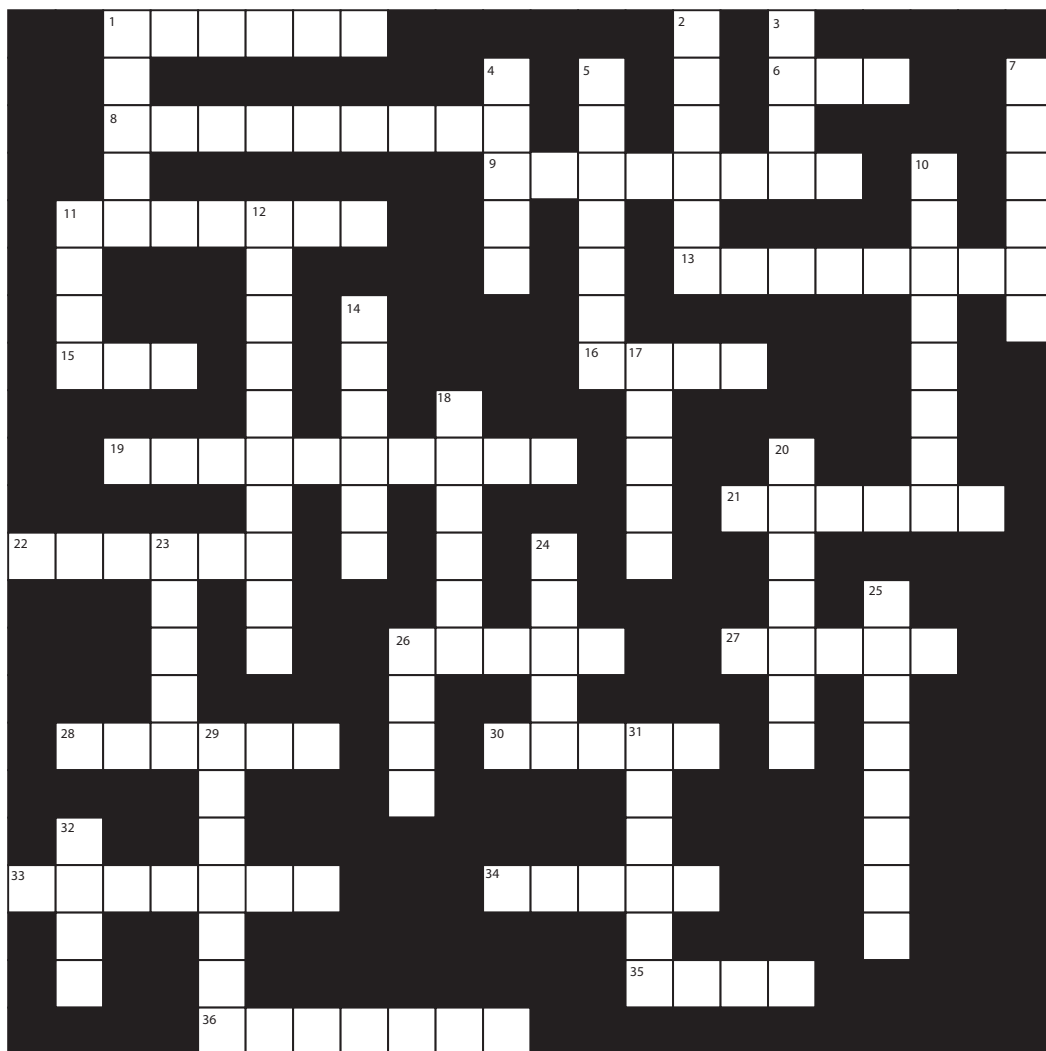


The 'Head-Skimmer' Crossword 2021

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To see out 2021, Dick Byrne is back with his aptly-titled Head-Skimmer Crossword. It's a tough one this year, so you'll need to watch out for all the classic crossword clue tricks to get over the finish line! As always, all completed entries will be entered into a draw to win €100 cash. All entries must be submitted by the 31st of January 2022. If you don't want to cut up your magazine, you can either send us a clear photocopy or scan, or download the crossword from www.irishvintagescene.ie. Good luck!

CLUES ACROSS

- 1: French motor. Roman ten, with worker leading India Alpha. (6)
- 6: Mischievous aluminium-headed rear-engined British minicar. (3)
- 8: Keep the mix clean with rebuilt trail fire. (3,6)
- 9: Unbending engine type, often followed by eight. (8)
- 11: 'E dropped live Jane with two strokes. (7)
- 13: Big flash Yank, all acid and see sound together. (8)
- 15: Proud Eastern make starts with weekend and gets about top score. (3)
- 16: Metropolitan in mountain ash. (4)
- 19: Hebrew lace is useful in roadside emergencies. (10)
- 21: A gentle wind, perhaps with five cylinders from Henry. (4)
- 22: Tow jet about before 11 Across. (6)
- 26: Japanese favourite concealed by nasty aristocrats. (5)
- 27: Electrical company in ormolu castanets. (5)
- 28: System came in contact with Royal Irish Constabulary. Not a whit. (6)
- 30: Do ask about superb Czech. (5)
- 33: Yank from rural Irish women's outfit confused after French bridge. (7)
- 34: Projectile following 7 Down shows the way. (5)
- 35: General Motors let this one go to France. Hope lads there conceal it. (4)
- 36: Stress caused by stone in mix. Follows 3 Down. (7)

CLUES DOWN

- 1: Kiss Saturday start a Romeo Alpha Citroen. (5)
- 2: Astrological Ford of yore. (6)

- 3: Leading 36 Across. Gets sparks flying. Not low. (4)
- 4: Four suspects conceal Soviet puller. (5)
- 5: When Henry met Harry, a little grey job resulted. (7)
- 7: Southern Irish farm machinery maker and old American car maker. Sounded like a patriot and made 34 Across. (6)
- 10: Cardinal and British police car. (8)
- 11: Useful man if you need a lift. (4)
- 12: Scarlet hen about stylish old British marque. (10)
- 14: Hospital ends and bottle begins with classy French/British marque. (6)
- 17: German eagle marque. Made a snazzy FWD. (5)
- 18: Ali can make an Italian job. (6)
- 20: The ancient god of financial gain, commerce, communication. Was a yank tank. Slippery stuff. (7)
- 23: Sometimes led by 9 Across in Packards, and sometimes led by Victor in Fords. (Romans V3). (5)
- 24: At the edges of burning wick is the company that established General Motors in 1908. (5)
- 25: British General Motors version of 35 Across. Hasn't been retailed here for many years. Don't ask me wyvern. (8)
- 26: Wherever ? go, I go. Reputation for being worst car ever. Fiat bits. (4)
- 29: British three-wheel red breast, famed by T.I.T. Depends. (7)
- 31: Chrysler marque between 1928 and 1961, operated from desperate Otto. (6)
- 32: Flog about VW. (4)