

C1**Across**

Capital of Croatia (6)
 Inclination towards (7)
 Combatant who tries to throw opponent to the ground (8)
 Coming into existence (8)
 Slide without control (4)
 Narrow connecting part (4)
 Selected (6)
 Do something furtively (5)

Down

Nothing (5)
 Perfect (8)

C2**Across**

A fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem (6)

Down

Food preparation area (7)

C3**Down**

Seriousness of something (7)

C4**Across**

State in the southwestern USA (6)
 A sharp narrow ridge found in rugged mountains (5)

Down

French astrologer (1503-1566) who wrote cryptic predictions whose interpretations are still being debated (11)

C5**Down**

Proof (8)

C6**Down**

Commissioned military officer (10)

C7**Across**

Unnamed (9)
 Someone making a special appearance (5)

Down

Make something worse (9)

C8**Across**

Becomes less in amount or intensity (6)
 Very spicy sauce (7)
 Fishtail palm of India to Malay Peninsula (5)

Down

Pit viper with horny segments at the end of the tail (11)

C9**Across**

Genus of tropical plants with creeping rootstocks and small umbellate flowers (5)

Down

Expressing possibility (9)

C10**Across**

Devices for taking hold of objects (5)
 Dominion of a monarch (5)

Down

Organic compound having powerful soporific effect (11)

C11**Down**

Having a divine meaning (8)

C12**Across**

Item in auction (3)
 Fabric belt (4)

Down

Anything indispensable (10)

C13**Across**

The duck mole (8)
 Not in active use (4)

Down

Huge (11)

C14**Across**

Ancient city that was buried by a volcanic eruption from Vesuvius (7)
 Enter uninvited (7)

Edible bulb used as vegetable (5)

A female plaintiff or petitioner (7)

Down

Not safe to eat (9)

C15**Across**

Manner of pronunciation (6)
 Very sweet (6)
 Japanese loose robe (6)

Down

Gathering (8)

C16**Down**

Completely opposed (11)

C17**Across**

Position of control (4)
 To look after (4)

Down

Roll of tobacco leaves (5)

C18**Down**

Paper cover for letter (8)
 To cause to lose one's confidence (7)

C19**Across**

Conjunction used to link two or more alternatives (2)

Down

Ancient Scandinavian culture (5)

C20**Down**

Attempt (3)
 Stretched canvas for gymnastics (10)
 Mended (5)