

## Across

1 Serious (often fatal) disease of the immune system (4)
3 Easternmost of the West Indies about 300 miles to the north of Venezuela (8)
9 Long pinkish sour leafstalks usually eaten cooked and sweetened (7)
10 Right-hand page (5)
11 The owl and the pussy-cat sailed away for this ( $1,4,3,1,3$ )
13 Units of length each equal to one twelfth of a foot (6)

15 Doglike nocturnal mammal of Africa and southern Asia that feeds chiefly on carrion (6)

17 Author of Le Petit Prince (5-7)
20 Friend or comrade (5)
21 Iranian language spoken in Pakistan (7)
22 Roman Emperor after his nephew Caligula was murdered (8)
23 Adult male horse kept for breeding (4)

## Down

1 Arm of the Mediterranean between Slovenia and Croatia and Montenegro and Albania on the east and Italy on the west (8)

2 Put out, as of a candle or a light (5)
4 State capital of New York; located in eastern New York State on the west bank of the Hudson river (6)
5 Novel By Charles Dickens (7,5)
6 Announce publicly or officially (7)
7 Black colloidal substance consisting wholly or principally of amorphous carbon (4)

8 First opera of Wagner's series of four $(3,9)$
12 Small round bright-coloured and spotted beetle that usually feeds on aphids and other insect pests (8)
14 Wife or widow of a Russian ruler (7)
16 Experience of thinking that a new situation had occurred before $(4,2)$
18 Act out; represent or perform as if in a play (5)

19 Fine grained mineral having a soft soapy feel and consisting of hydrated magnesium silicate (4)

