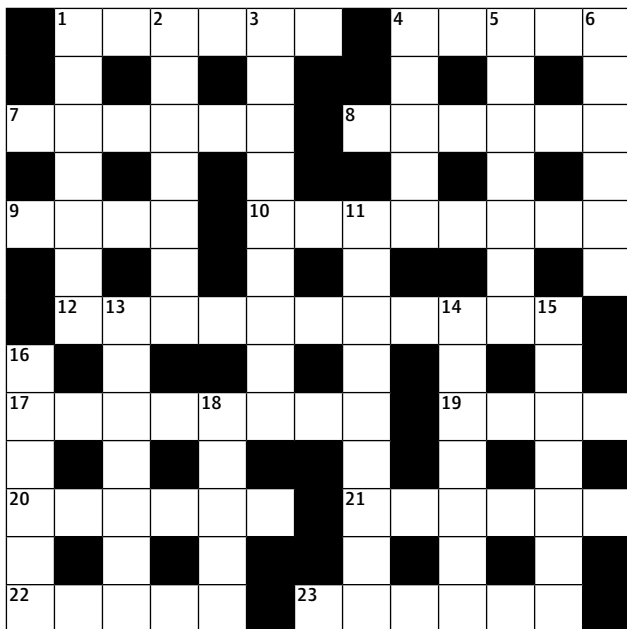


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Across

- 1 Humiliating failure (6)
- 4 Highest capital city in the world (2,3)
- 7 Red tar (anag) (6)
- 8 Malay skirt-like garment (6)
- 9 Layer (4)
- 10 Tree – so creamy (anag) (8)
- 12 Dwell on Mars (anag) – it's not surprising (5,6)
- 17 Self-righteous person – one of an ancient Jewish sect (8)
- 19 Defeat (informal) – speed (informal) (4)
- 20 Monetary unit – town in Clackmannanshire (6)
- 21 Rain cloud (6)
- 22 Dangerous (5)
- 23 Line of planking in the hull of a wooden ship (6)

Down

- 1 British shipping forecast area (7)
- 2 Country in the Pyrenees (7)
- 3 Butterfly pupa (9)

- 4 Tibet's "Forbidden City" (5)
- 5 Incite to action (7)
- 6 Capital of Croatia (6)
- 11 Bound by strong ties (5-4)
- 13 Viral disease once common in children (7)
- 14 Predicament (7)
- 15 Person living in solitude (7)
- 16 Eight-legged creature (6)
- 18 Mediterranean country (5)

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