

## ACROSS

- 1 Assert positively it's a strong business (6)
- 5 Fatal dye lad mixed up (6)
- 8 Ignoble party game (8)
- 9 Cover up the animal skin (4)
- 10 In Tobago, big desert (4)
- 11 Help to back clan given stream of abuse (8)
- 12 Hot job for an author? (6)
- 13 Crazy hat for a reckless person? (6)
- 15 Slough, I gush over your design philosophy! (4,4)
- 18 Accept bet, though not at first (4)
- 19 Foreign drink regularly sparkles (4)
- 20 Brought back gold found in desert rocks (8)
- 21 He's in the reorganised War Department (6)
- 22 Catch let loose, which stings (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Palm off that handle elsewhere (4,2,3,4)
- 3 It's cool to choose a mountaineering aid (3,4)
- 4 Intend the German to wander aimlessly (7)
- 5 Greek character, daughter, unexpectedly late (5)
- 6 Loathe a taste of crab hors d'oeuvre (5)
- 7 Earnest character, an aristocrat going to Berkshire town (4,9)
- 13 German town, Essen, I'm developing (7)
- 14 Foreign editor takes little time in US motor city (7)
- 16 Her name Garbo makes In avoiding retakes (5)
- 17 Ran fast, difficult round centre of arena (5)

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