

**ACROSS**

- 1 General populace (6)
- 5 Culmination (6)
- 8 Request to reply (inits) (4)
- 9 Imperial (8)
- 10 Right of ownership (8)
- 11 Ornamental stone (4)
- 12 Sample of fabric (6)
- 14 Dull, stupid (6)
- 16 Con trick (4)
- 18 Educated (8)
- 20 Harsh and rough in manner (8)
- 21 Decorative skirting (4)
- 22 Express warm approval of (6)
- 23 Evil spirits (6)

**DOWN**

- 2 Open (a jar) (7)
- 3 Accept with glee (3,2)
- 4 Providing cover for most risks (13)
- 5 Have a whale of a time (5,8)
- 6 Pull or twist out of shape (7)
- 7 Cacophonous (5)
- 13 Set of kettledrums (7)
- 15 Drove too fast (7)
- 17 Pole tossed or hurled by Highland athletes (5)
- 19 Disproportionate (5)

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