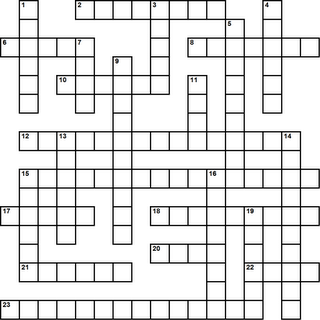
**Christmas Cryptic Crossword by Poleman**



**Across**

2. Some adorn a mental treasure (8)

6. Jake even stays up shivering, at first for this prophet. (5)

8. Santa comes down this, rehashing ice hymn. (7)

10. Spanish San Jose, PhD included. (6)

12. Dad at festive time becomes gift giver. (6,9)

15. Xmas, overheard current for yuletide gift. (9,7)

17. Supernatural being messing with angle (5)

18. First name of religious believer (9)

20. Aurore hides the symbol of this historic gift. (4)

21. Milky Xmas drink concealed by gong, German backfired. (6)

22. Leading lady must regularly babysit Maurice (4)

23. Song of Noel from festive woman? (9,5)

**Down**

1. Orally destroy Santa’s vehicle (6)

3. Historic gift repeatedly given by Mayor, arch-enemy. (5)

4. To eat in French bed (6)

5. Kiss under this weapon, and end foot in speech (9)

7. Is this cold stuff initially staying now, or will it go? (4)

9. Tinsel, baubles, wreaths or a tree can earned through military achievement (10)

11. Three kings eat frequent oatmeal. Grim. (4)

13. Traditional bird, reportedly a country (6)

14. Casual ants ripped up Coca Cola’s creation (5,5)

15. C plus, the French bright light. (6)

16. Two of these make German thunder and lightning (8)

19. Listen, or you’ll mess up Christmas decoration. (6)

Answers:

**Across**

2. Ornament

6. Jesus

8. Chimney

10. Joseph

12. Father Christmas

15. Christmas Present

17. Angel

18. Christian

20. Gold

21. Eggnog

22. Star

23. Christmas carol

**Down**

1. Sleigh

3. Myrrh

4. Manger

5. Mistletoe

7. Snow

9. Decoration

11. Magi

13. Turkey

14. Santa Claus

15. Candle

16. Reindeer

19. Tinsel