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Across

- 1 Slender monarch is having ideas (8)
- 5 Bear loses top piece of corn (3)
- 7 Got upset, right? No improved over time (4)
- 9 Ana breaking 20 to get tranquilizer (5)
- 10 Agony, forget New York it's in the past (3)
- 11 Time improved romantic couple (4)
- 14 Tad a lunatic for information (4)
- 15 Eli fashioned floral necklace (3)
- 16 Legal to walk (5)
- 18 South American native in California (4)
- 19 Minister to race engine (3)
- 20 Stated strongly. "Create a dessert" (8)

Down

- 1 Ox covered in metal. It's poisonous! (5)
- 2 Nonbelievers boil chickens (3)
- 3 Screwball ran gun lovers group (3)
- 4 Not good for native to steal e.g. (8)
- 6 Cinema sick and weak (6)
- 7 Cut down limitless taxes (3)
- 8 Garbage, take out back to carport (6)
- 12 Trade poorly valued (5)
- 13 Wing like part Alan left unfinished (3)
- 17 Mistake heir heard (3)