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ACROSS

1) Turn the air blue
5) "Sir," in colonial India
10) Not fully closed
14) Sailing on the ocean
15) Upstate New York city
16) Passage ceremony, e.g.
17) Engaged in a childish comfort
20) Pollen and dust, notoriously
21) Trip to Mecca
22) Miss-named?
23) Santa ___ (California city)
24) Kinky yen
27) Crumbs from a meal
29) Religious maxims
32) It's served in spots
33) Acid that will make you see things
36) Some desert growths
38) What an eclipse can do
41) Fish-eating hawk
42) Before, long before now
43) "You get the picture"
44) Vertical ship posts
46) Non-offensive expletive
50) Sing like a canary
52) Water source
55) Compass heading, sometimes
56) Rock worth money
57) Organize anew
60) Swab composition
63) Flat-topped hill
64) Provide, as with a quality
65) Simple wave makers
66) Responded in court
67) Gave cough medicine to
68) Make good use of recess

DOWN

1) Where many deals are made
2) Human shark
3) Hush-hush
4) Author also known as H.H. Munro
5) African republic on the Red Sea
6) Hard to tap one's toe to
7) Clue
8) Frosts, as a cake
9) Common degs.
10) Enlightened one, in Buddhism
11) Japanese martial art
12) Convenient wallet filler
13) Johnny in gray
18) In-flight info, for short
19) House of usher?
24) "Micro" add-on, in libraries
25) Spotted
26) Consumes
28) ___ gin fizz
30) Santa's reindeer, collectively
31) Gangster's gun, in B-movies
34) Legendary QB nicknamed the "Snake"
35) Calf, on the range
37) Like Salvation Army goods
38) VHS alternative of old
39) Sport invented by Native Americans
40) Absolute greatest (Abbr.)
41) Emulate a tailor
45) Art piece in a park
47) Blockbuster event no more
48) Sweater material
49) Itty-bitty
51) Like some humor
53) Like a rainbow
54) Athlete with deep pockets
57) Where one asks to be hit
58) Wraps up
59) Straddling
60) Stratocaster attachment
61) First half of a swanky California neighborhood
62) Fourposter, e.g.

PICK-UP LINES

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