

ACROSS

- 1 Water ____, predatory aquatic bug (7)
- 5 Fundamental (5)
- 8 Gain access to (5)
- 9 Thin silky material (7)
- 10 One who lives through affliction (8)
- 11 Nucleus and its electrons (4)
- 13 Sporting loss (6)
- 15 Engaged in swordplay (6)
- 18 Luncheon meat (4)
- 19 Plentiful quality (8)
- 22 Sitting on (a horse) (7)
- 23 Police informers (5)
- 24 Walked with a measured step (5)
- 25 Got to grips with (7)

DOWN

- 1 Made holy, consecrated (7)
- 2 Subsequently (5)
- 3 On the edge of a page (8)
- 4 Idea (6)
- 5 Aficionado (4)
- 6 Doubting person (7)
- 7 Great divide (5)
- 12 Worker who repairs vehicles (8)
- 14 Wildly agitated (7)
- 16 No longer in service (7)
- 17 Cut in half (6)
- 18 Top of your head (5)
- 20 ____, Flynn, swashbuckling actor (5)
- 21 Cover with precious metal (4)

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