

ACROSS

- 3 Greek god of pastures (3)
- 7 Sordid political goings-on (6)
- 8 Make-believe, illusory (6)
- 9 Skin cream for the beach (8)
- 10 ___ Nelson, famous admiral (4)
- 11 Respiratory illness (6)
- 12 Senior members of the community (6)
- 15 Missive (6)
- 18 Make certain (6)
- 20 Coral ridge (4)
- 22 Make progress, succeed (2,6)
- 23 Looking on the bright side (2,4)
- 24 Feelings of anxiety (6)
- 25 Drop in the middle (3)

DOWN

- 1 Hoodwinks (6)
- 2 Christmas headgear item (5,3)
- 3 Former name of Iran (6)
- 4 Shade of meaning (6)
- 5 Spoken, not written (4)
- 6 Lighter coloured (hair) (6)
- 11 Tool for boring small holes (3)
- 13 Loses all hope (8)
- 14 Container for return postage (inits) (3)
- 16 Removes forcibly (6)
- 17 Entitlements (6)
- 18 Forested area of Essex (6)
- 19 Stank (6)
- 21 Oil, gas or electricity, eg (4)

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