

## ACROSS

- 3** Distant (3)  
**7** Boy from *The Jungle Book* (6)  
**8** Lucky charm or token (6)  
**9** So to speak (2,2,4)  
**10** Remove the skin from (4)  
**11** Tangled (6)  
**12** Upholstered (6)  
**15** Matt \_\_\_\_, *A Question of Sport* team captain (6)  
**18** At the bottom level (6)  
**20** Monk's hood (4)  
**22** Abhorred (8)  
**23** Seduces, entices (6)  
**24** Aerosol outlet (6)  
**25** Annual car check (inits) (3)

## DOWN

- 1** Make less tight (6)  
**2** Perturbs (8)  
**3** Delicately (6)  
**4** Wild shindig (4-2)  
**5** Short burst of breath (4)  
**6** Cheapen (6)  
**11** Soft leather (3)  
**13** Reduce in number (8)  
**14** Shorter Morse code element (3)  
**16** Asserted (6)  
**17** Practice of baring all (6)  
**18** Dormant, quiescent (6)  
**19** Respectable (6)  
**21** Edges of the mouth (4)

