

ACROSS

- 1** Silver ____, trees (7)
5 Audience's shouts of disapproval (4)
8 Santa's helpers (5)
9 Infuriates (7)
11 Acquire (4)
12 Maids, butlers, eg (8)
15 Nimbus or cumulus, eg (5)
16 Circus funny man (5)
19 Prepared pre-packed meal (2,6)
21 Just, impartial (4)
23 Largest of the apes (7)
25 Soft shoe material (5)
26 Heat shimmer (4)
27 Calculate (7)

DOWN

- 2** Persuaded by deception (9)
3 Detective job (4)
4 Cricket team number (6)
5 Feathery scarf (3)
6 For all to see (5)
7 Govern (5)
10 Opponents (6)
13 Corner paper shop (9)
14 Underground route (6)
17 Pleasure craft operated with the feet (6)
18 Native of Athens, for instance (5)
20 Instrument in a string quartet (5)
22 Request for a reply (inits) (4)
24 Wrath (3)

