

ACROSS

- 1 Branchlet (4)
- 3 Beefy, stocky (8)
- 9 Shroud, cover (7)
- 10 Presses (clothes) (5)
- 11 Beat violently (of the heart) (5)
- 12 Small round opening on a shoe's upper (6)
- 14 ___ *Blackbird*, old song (3,3)
- 15 Take possession of (6)
- 18 Write hastily (6)
- 20 Hostile rival (5)
- 22 Delicious (5)
- 23 Increased (5,2)
- 25 Thinly (8)
- 26 Bird similar to a rook (4)

DOWN

- 1 Gout-affected digit (3)
- 2 Quotation mark (8,5)
- 4 Small dash (6)
- 5 Unlawful act (5)
- 6 Fire-protection sensor (5,8)
- 7 Source of ivory (4)
- 8 Drooping, sagging (6)
- 11 Low-pitched brass instrument (4)
- 13 Remain (4)
- 16 Minister of religion (6)
- 17 Worldwide (6)
- 19 Bottomless gulf (5)
- 21 Parliamentary votes for (4)
- 24 Blind ___, *Treasure Island* character (3)

