

ACROSS

- 1** Rods, sceptres (6)
4 Dowdy dressers (6)
9 Middle points (7)
10 Piece of grass (5)
11 Inscribe deeply (4)
12 Chicago's country (7)
14 US playwright, first name Eugene (6)
16 ___ *Blackbird*, old song (3,3)
19 Liked or admired by many people (7)
21 Unfasten (4)
23 Sensed with the nose (5)
24 Large coarse fern (7)
25 Hot root plant, often eaten in salad (6)
26 (Lead) into sin (6)

DOWN

- 1** Hosiery item (4)
2 ___ Crosbie, TV's Mrs Meldrew (7)
3 Scottish inlet (5)
5 Tough and chewy (chicken, eg) (7)
6 City in Florida (5)
7 Moved up and down (3-5)
8 Sir ___ Newton, scientist (5)
13 Writer of symphonies or concertos (8)
15 Signs indicating a novice driver (1-6)
17 Large wave (7)
18 Look into (5)
20 Beseech (5)
21 Milky precious stones (5)
22 Covetousness (4)

