

ACROSS

- 1** Diplomatic, discreet (7)
5 Has good expectations (5)
8 Come to light (5)
9 Toughness (7)
10 Slops for swine (8)
11 Refined woman (4)
13 Preserve the old Egyptian way (6)
15 Tom ____, Mark Twain character (6)
18 Loop, entwine (4)
19 At the present time (8)
22 Prevailing theory of the universe's origin (3,4)
23 *Tarka the* ____, animal tale by Henry Williamson (5)
24 Peevish (5)
25 Single eyeglass (7)

DOWN

- 1** Slog, trudge (7)
2 Stick, remain attached (to) (5)
3 Liberty of choice (4,4)
4 Finally, in conclusion (6)
5 Listen to (4)
6 Position of top rank (7)
7 Resembling a legless reptile (5)
12 Small cake (8)
14 __ Jones, Helen Fielding's diarist (7)
16 Book (a place) (7)
17 Fairground car (6)
18 Highland Games pole (5)
20 Garret (5)
21 Somewhat indistinct (4)

