

## ACROSS

- 1 Hidden meaning (7)
- 5 Right and power to decide (3-2)
- 8 Futuristic stories (3-2)
- 9 Actually (2,5)
- 10 Opponents (7)
- 11 Pol \_\_\_\_, champagne brand (5)
- 12 Pause (6)
- 14 Language written right to left (6)
- 18 Disconcert, unnerve (5)
- 20 Very attractive person (7)
- 22 Food mixer (7)
- 23 Koran readers' religion (5)
- 24 Come on stage (5)
- 25 Wide-brimmed cowboy-style hat (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Adjourn (proceedings) (7)
- 2 Backhander (5)
- 3 Draws forth (7)
- 4 Need for liquid (6)
- 5 Indian instrument (5)
- 6 Less aged (7)
- 7 Alternative (5)
- 13 Snake (7)
- 15 Unwilling to answer directly (7)
- 16 Manual labourers (7)
- 17 Assumes (someone else's authority) (6)
- 18 Item of dining-room furniture (5)
- 19 Angler's high boot (5)
- 21 Openings (5)

