

**ACROSS**

- 1 One of the last four contestants (4-8)  
 8 A-to-Z list in a book (5)  
 9 Lined up (7)  
 10 Talent (4)  
 11 Rough, like pumice (8)  
 14 Soldier on guard (6)  
 15 Shenanigans (6)  
 17 Involuntary actions (8)  
 18 Verdi composition set in Egypt (4)  
 21 Exchanging for money (7)  
 23 Antiquated (5)  
 24 Commercial vegetable plot (6,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Playground item (5)  
 2 Mocked (4,3,2)  
 3 Sly, wily (4)  
 4 Close at hand (6)  
 5 Nancy's French region (8)  
 6 Give utterance to (3)  
 7 British snakes (6)  
 12 Got under way (9)  
 13 Football set piece (4,4)  
 14 Fir (6)  
 16 Stature (6)  
 19 Mary \_\_\_\_, Shakespeare's mother (5)  
 20 \_\_ O'Brien, Irish novelist (4)  
 22 Small ocean (3)

