

ACROSS

- 3 Ermine, for instance (3)
 7 Yacht basin (6)
 8 Cocktail fruits (6)
 9 Skin spots (8)
 10 Go in front (4)
 11 Hillocks, mounds (6)
 12 Tints (6)
 15 All but (6)
 18 Spiny plant (6)
 20 Celestial body (4)
 22 Ridges of hair on the forehead (8)
 23 Came to an end, became void (6)
 24 Military knapsack (3-3)
 25 *A Perfect* ____, John le Carré novel (3)

DOWN

- 1 Sponsor (6)
 2 Round in shape (8)
 3 Tales with a moral lesson (6)
 4 Bakes (meat) (6)
 5 High area of land (4)
 6 Dennis the ____, comic character (6)
 11 Knowledge, understanding (3)
 13 Faithfully depicting the truth (8)
 14 Appeal for help or rescue (inits) (3)
 16 Accessories (6)
 17 Surrenders (6)
 18 Grating (6)
 19 Take off (packaging) (6)
 21 Coarse file (4)

