

ACROSS

- 1 Rebuilt Bard's theatre, do act (5,3,6)
 9 Lovely cravat hides modern fabric (5)
 10 Bird on some hilltop (9)
 11 It was a pit to inspect carefully (7)
 12 Food stores in cars, we hear (7)
 13 Plotting to get rid of half of China? (4)
 14 French greeting on way to unknown conventional medicine (9)
 18 Exchange rate riles shopkeepers (9)
 20 Said to become weary of wheel surround (4)
 22 Don't move as putty moves (4,3)
 25 Ruled it must be checked, we hear (7)
 26 Member is not in time to make laws (9)
 27 Take delight in once posh officer (5)
 28 Soldier – very good murder suspect? (7,7)

DOWN

- 1 Soundly spoke and rang a bell (6)
 2 Communion with Icarus the reckless (9)
 3 Sketching while pulling the curtains (7)
 4 Make a dash for it? (9)
 5 Jewel found among robbery loot (5)
 6 Breeze to subside for parachute delivery (7)
 7 Avoid odd movement, say, coming up (5)
 8 Garments for cattle? (7)
 15 Ray's movement alarms bee (5,4)
 16 Spider is natural at weaving (9)
 17 British tilers coming out to show indignation (7)

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- 19 Cheeky child regarding painting style (7)
 20 Footnote beside second muscle (7)
 21 Little boy has poor diet corrected (6)
 23 A note to almost develop into vicious behaviour (5)
 24 Track down the first running event (5)