ACROSS

- **9** Foreshadowed the last of the wine? (9)
- **10** Opposed to saint leaving once more (5)
- **11** Praise a grown-up about energy (7)
- 12 Involves hospital department, is unwell (7)
- **13** Bird keeping one book back for another? (9)
- **16** Time to wander, finding treasure (5)
- 17 Here tablemats almost shine when polished (13)
- **20** Rosie manipulated willow (5)
- 21 Original friend on a ship (5,4)
- **24** Group, one hundred of the highest merit (7)
- **25** Footballer's brush? (7)
- 27 Book returned with note to express feelings (5)
- 28 Upsets open vessels (9)

DOWN

- Came from second crash (6)
- Your duty to curb language (4)
- We're told second-rate creature's keen (6) 3
- Advantage in four-speed gears (4)
- Publicist having arrived, set out (10) 5
- General helper, with round stomach, after the truth (8)
- 7 Providing that poor Carolina travels round state (10)
- Dance, openest sort (3-4) 8
- **14** Prime mover causing giants' riot (10)
- **15** Criminal element he precedes (10)
- **18** Stopped progress when taken into custody (8)

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19 One who certifies a gift coupon (7)

- **22** Agreement to give medical aid to youth leader (6)
- 23 Don't start to go back leave! (6)
- 25 Goodness me! We've caught a duck (4)
- **26** Stitch found in a shell, say (4)