ACROSS

- **9** Suggestive smell of older sort of divider when unopened (9)
- **10** Basket-maker comfier without top (5)
- **11** Boy following is the right size, say, for sea area (7)
- **12** Wise prig given old set of books (7)
- 13 Take offence over method to make rural path (9)
- **16** Chemist to become very hot and loud (5)
- **17** Be easily hurt if knavish? He ain't worried (4,1,4,4)
- **20** Puzzling question for model (5)
- 21 Neil tires badly, although hardy (9)
- 24 Person rearing cattle dashed and caught her (7)
- 25 Religious leader is only after meatball (7)
- **27** River course in easy passage (5)
- 28 Carefully attentive domestic follows old boy (9)

DOWN

- **1** Before wonderful short building (6)
- 2 Make TV programme changes in red italics (4)
- 3 Girl left with blooms (6)
- 4 Not initially useful fellow (4)
- **5** Earth science, with medicine, goes out and about (10)
- 6 Sumo club reorganised in Ohio capital (8)
- 7 Very old sort of ice-cream? (6-4)
- 8 Composer wants his country to hear (7)
- 14 Although not there, affecting a base, innit? (2,8)
- **15** Impermeable footwear, designed without publicity (10)
- **18** Ground that is right to be less refined (8)

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- **19** Persecute reporters after surgery (7)
- 22 Gloss produces poor result (6)
- 23 Score in result went yesterday (6)
- 25 Trick about to consume America (4)
- 26 No embargo for Scottish port (4)