

ACROSS

- 9 Rugby-playing clown? (9)
- 10 Lift up head of elk, dead (5)
- 11 Humbly ask for British crumbly cheese (7)
- 12 Emu tips out with momentum (7)
- 13 Flat section inside meant to be unpacked (9)
- 16 Confess that boy attorney has returned (5)
- 17 Kitchen dust I'm disturbing for dull person (5-2-3-3)
- 20 Dance can go wrong (5)
- 21 Cuts material taxes (9)
- 24 Lookalike arranged matching clothes (7)
- 25 If force ordered, get policeman (7)
- 27 Auctions off prison rooms, we hear (5)
- 28 Where stock might be heading for trouble? (2,3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Father installing cooker top, one producing great fear (6)
- 2 Family insignia displays weaponry (4)
- 3 Loss of the French? Fate uncertain (6)
- 4 Offensive people using silly hats at first (4)
- 5 Insect, one still causing less shock (4-6)
- 6 Casual worker slow making pattern (8)
- 7 Equivalent to taking first insect quantity (10)
- 8 Where to find spiders on the internet? (7)
- 14 Lost during dubious salvation of football club (5,5)
- 15 Piglet is to injure part of the throat (10)
- 18 Firm stares can be most vulgar (8)

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- 19 Yes, cats moved for bliss (7)
- 22 Instinctive response of engineer when receiving cable (6)
- 23 Priest destroyed mark of authority (6)
- 25 Animals way off fodder (4)
- 26 Whip cut short (4)