

**ACROSS**

- 1 Church one left in primitive area (8)  
 5 A plank on a ship (6)  
 9 Discovering merit in fish (8)  
 10 Lazy people love to leave soldiers working (6)  
 11 Rubbish athlete finally breaking one's records (8)  
 12 Take empty apartment from friend before it's too late (2,4)  
 14 One growing up in prison with minute on the outside (10)  
 18 Cereal eaten by island's goats (10)  
 22 First Lady's pinching books to get matches (6)  
 23 Contemptible profession, it's necessary for Court (8)  
 24 Stand close to assistant with bolt (6)  
 25 Serve returned with race insult (8)  
 26 Area in Hungary east of capital city (6)  
 27 Transport door (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Song and dance upset old man (6)  
 2 Second-rate small rooms (6)  
 3 Hint of lavender and gold in carriage (6)  
 4 Satisfied with one leg's position (10)  
 6 Repartee not good in senescence (8)  
 7 Drink provided by pirate abroad (8)  
 8 Untidy shed and evil bats (8)  
 13 Mountain climbing country covers north of Tibetan forest (10)  
 15 Bottle obtained by sailors in bar (8)

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- 16 More squalid houses start to pong faster (8)  
 17 Upset Duke, one with accent (8)  
 19 Safe containing tungsten alloy (6)  
 20 Servant's leg caught under car (6)  
 21 Remove drain, but not quietly (6)