

ACROSS

- 1 Clothing Meg or servant altered (12)
 9 Head of devastating European putsch ruled and divided (9)
 10 Be behind bar on time (5)
 11 Promise a letter to be dictated (6)
 12 Transported fridge to dump (3,3,2)
 13 Attempt to acquire one pound for hat (6)
 14 On field, fifty exercises for retired people? (8)
 17 Alien vehicle circling one star with base to the west (8)
 19 Very fraudulent mail from Africa (6)
 21 Politicians accepting that man's ideas (8)
 23 Foreign gents go astray in embrace of bride-to-be (6)
 25 Golden coin gains you influence (5)
 26 Discoloured hair tends to need sorting (9)
 27 Sound terrific telling jokes (12)

DOWN

- 2 Successful person, Scotsman from 19th Century (9)
 3 Reportedly regret wounding remark and nonsense (7)
 4 Friend's way to release energy (4)
 5 Vexed man upset with deed involving daughter (8)
 6 Lifelike bronze set up, and unframed murals (7)
 7 Steady stone with help (5)
 8 Maybe 2 fooled Danish rogue (3-9)
 9 Stoppage of French lawsuit involving one type of tax (12)
 15 Ferret biting middle of langoustine, popular shellfish (3,6)
 16 Imposing mother in charge, stifling kid (8)
 18 Imps persist to misbehave (7)
 20 Award is given in outskirts of Lanark for monument (7)
 22 Heartless evil bishop that hurt part of body (5)
 24 Region of Far East (4)

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