

ACROSS

- 1 Fought against sibling, beginning to tumble in grass (8)
- 5 Having faith after second coat of plaster (6)
- 9 Help to counter family's haranguing (8)
- 10 Cash about to be put before judge (6)
- 11 Tired Sally, ignoring everyone, bearing burden (8)
- 12 Risk wrath after opening of diary (6)
- 14 One liar's wrong about politician being aloof (10)
- 18 Caution ere irritating hammer-wielder (10)
- 22 Meg's back right light is smeared (6)
- 23 Pessimistic, say, having been captured by indigenous person (8)
- 24 Slaughter of animals aboard ship produces rows (6)
- 25 Left relative, heading off for amusement (8)
- 26 That woman finally took the Spanish cash to Israeli (6)
- 27 Worried about Parisian you promoted (8)

DOWN

- 1 Starter in restaurant on a plate is salad vegetable (6)
- 2 Standing base removed from sculptures (6)
- 3 Writer cries hysterically penning book (6)
- 4 Boarding from part of tree people used in pelmets regularly (10)
- 6 Opening church to admit member of clergy and fool (8)
- 7 Appearing to join forces within hospital department (8)
- 8 Strange journalist going to north English cathedral city, coyly (8)

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- 13 Slow eel reacted slackly (10)
- 15 Witch on facade's leaving out posh food for Scots (8)
- 16 Leader of convicts, in quiet, set up escape plan (8)
- 17 Detectives find out the answer to finish (8)
- 19 Nothing titillating should be brief (6)
- 20 Make a mess smaller, not large (6)
- 21 Cooked wings of skate with a wine (6)