

ACROSS

- 1 More devious thief is about right (8)
 5 English country property (6)
 9 Took umbrage at broadcast when cutting grass (8)
 10 Spot books in French city (6)
 11 One who hunts for clean pants (8)
 12 Inflammable sporting purist (4,2)
 14 Rising temp around now, possibly (10)
 18 Scores use chemist when sick (5,5)
 22 A graduate's last letter causing surprise (6)
 23 Cut price of fabric? (8)
 24 Leaderless part of Russia - most speak Spanish here (6)
 25 Copper's instruction causes confusion (8)
 26 Last goal by United, extremely routine (6)
 27 At home, looked after fiancé (8)

DOWN

- 1 Trump's upset by oriental attack (6)
 2 Trendy fish? It may be found in Wellington (6)
 3 Time to irritate speaker (6)
 4 Twelve plus one minus two? Tricky exam! (6-4)
 6 Want support to hold gun up (8)
 7 India struggling with car pollution (4,4)
 8 Released European politician kidnapped by former hooligan (8)
 13 Check last of editorial copy (10)
 15 At cafe, regularly taking drug (8)

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- 16 Secure a captain in advance (3,5)
 17 Tougher pilot eats pork pie (8)
 19 Change into suit (6)
 20 Frank also held by cops (6)
 21 Approached a monarch being in demand (6)