

## ACROSS

- 1 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)
- 9 Sampled first of roughage in new diet (5)
- 10 Small, hot, very supple set of bushes (9)
- 11 Mother leading powerful dog (7)
- 12 One whose work is dealing with viewers' complaints (7)
- 13 Friend from a text extract (4)
- 14 Clown to cure back (almost) with large nut (4,2,3)
- 18 Finish quickly when shiny finish has been removed (6,3)
- 20 Leaders of other democracies deserving second chances (4)
- 22 The heartless nation has a will (7)
- 25 Bird in the loudspeaker? (7)
- 26 Exploiter to gain at all times (9)
- 27 Effort nicely back in, opening score (5)
- 28 Can add relevant amendment to regularly opened card (6,8)

## DOWN

- 1 Carry manuscript with tribal symbols (6)
- 2 Check booth and put back in place (9)
- 3 Upright purpose for Morecambe's partner (7)
- 4 Thereby vary topic to include piece of furniture (4,5)
- 5 Unusual object may make you inquisitive, not us (5)
- 6 Quiet, having been overpowered (7)
- 7 Twice Nigeria hosts ancient race (5)
- 8 Hear man's address to unknown puzzle (7)
- 15 Ice tea far out in staff restaurant (9)
- 16 Thought conveyed – about time (9)
- 17 Some of decrepit Aphrodite's last words (7)

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- 19 Disease ruined coastal area (7)
- 20 Former omen, tie crooked (3-4)
- 21 Protective clothing or a rum cocktail (6)
- 23 Second promise to get weapon (5)
- 24 Discard, not initially, then throw out (5)