

ACROSS

- 1 Spiritual entrant's candle goes out (14)
- 9 Woman taken round good public school (5)
- 10 Prowess affected when the French are trapped and weak (9)
- 11 Fighter has struggle with Rhode Island and Oregon (7)
- 12 Former performer is one who makes excessive demands (7)
- 13 Exactly like South African myself (4)
- 14 Charmed by the fourth way in (9)
- 18 Person getting rid of vending machine (9)
- 20 Amusement daughter provides for kitty (4)
- 22 Quits about adverts (7)
- 25 Artist with broken leg taking record? No way! (2,5)
- 26 Posted soldiers inside it show emotion (9)
- 27 Splendour of intricate lace with tidy edge (5)
- 28 Serbo-Croat, half-trained university graduate (8,2,4)

DOWN

- 1 Slings decorative coverings (6)
- 2 For Africans, a Salinger novel (9)
- 3 Isle keeping left in urban view (7)
- 4 Former hotel workers are those selling goods abroad (9)
- 5 Measure round West and search for water (5)
- 6 Van I ran manufactured to produce bliss (7)
- 7 Watchful later, perhaps (5)
- 8 Sat upon a long step (7)
- 15 One who cruelly teases guide below the hill (9)
- 16 Cosmetic gives clear outcome, as soon as held (9)

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- 17 Speak to direct (7)
- 19 Language into which 'shingle' translated (7)
- 20 It could give cover if a leg breaks loudly (3,4)
- 21 Ways to find foundations, we hear (6)
- 23 Iron taken from state capital for present man (5)
- 24 Cartridge on top of a tortoise (5)