

ACROSS

- 8 Article eaten by dog, freak (6)
- 9 One moves in favour of problem (8)
- 10 Old group of four notes (4)
- 11 Authorised late time perhaps to take in US soldier (10)
- 12 View alternative in hat (8)
- 13 It's said, school period to abate (6)
- 15 Be environmentally friendly, though futile (7)
- 16 Weird garnets, faked (7)
- 20 Suit those covered in soil? (6)
- 23 Instrument for drink round home (8)
- 24 Marine creature lifts chute the wrong way (10)
- 26 No go-ahead for corner (4)
- 27 The others come down and hold (8)
- 28 Small dwarf's walk (6)

DOWN

- 1 Crystal sword containing gold initially (3,5)
- 2 Cynical, like an egg? (4-6)
- 3 Europeans Latin, as I suspect (8)
- 4 English hog and sheep offering witty remark (7)
- 5 Place of accommodation to install second similar place (6)
- 6 Space where open land raised (4)
- 7 Get comfortable and pay the bill (6)
- 14 Still papers etc reported (10)
- 17 Container to suffer in experiment (3,5)
- 18 Noël Berg built French city (8)
- 19 Spiny anteater chained awkwardly (7)
- 21 Took a breather in walk round function (6)
- 22 Look now and then to find children's apparatus (3-3)
- 25 Skirt which sounds like a tie! (4)

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