

ACROSS

- 1 Humanity expert placed a thorn for game with meaning (14)
 9 Answer salesman before second half of July (5)
 10 Moved back and gave medical help again (9)
 11 The last variation shows sneakiness (7)
 12 Excel with alternative in the open air (7)
 13 Attempt to embrace love in ancient city (4)
 14 Duck below the quilt (9)
 18 A diet's not working with counteractive medicine (9)
 20 Pitch indicator key in French (4)
 22 Woven lace – it's flexible material (7)
 25 Prickly creature not up to looking like a pig (7)
 26 Certain it involved something complicated (9)
 27 Proprietor in sideshow, nervous (5)
 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

DOWN

- 1 A pass from one side to the other (6)
 2 Ordered to respect what's classified (3,6)
 3 Payment for residents of Buckingham Palace (7)
 4 Writers' material shrewd men used in exercises (9)
 5 Large amount to make numbers game (5)
 6 Bigger kitchen utensil, say (7)
 7 Receiver to begin working (3,2)
 8 Worshipping false rain-god (7)
 15 Diana's to get a soft fruit, then vanish (9)
 16 Doing what you are told, ie once bed remade (9)

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- 17 Not a well done piece of cheese on toast (7)
 19 Items making Sid late (7)
 20 Boxes of funny drawings, nothing taken away (7)
 21 Found out that king is not heartless (6)
 23 It doesn't make a sound when dropped (5)
 24 Train or part of a train (5)