

**ACROSS**

- 7 Spell Angola out like a nut? (9)  
 8 Ether, perhaps, or another number (5)  
 10 Let in, or let out? (8)  
 11 Painter displaying unusual traits (6)  
 12 Shortly consider becoming slender (4)  
 13 Probable loser grounded, unfortunately (8)  
 15 Kremlin where dialect interpreted (7)  
 17 Game sleuth returned and received slight sprain (7)  
 20 Fine words? (8)  
 22 Cryptic signal by fish on end of line (4)  
 25 Island tolerated by none (6)  
 26 English quest to find outflow (8)  
 27 Mustang's tail covering worry (5)  
 28 Delicate fabric valued, then torn (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Prepared to study ending of play (5)  
 2 Generous stroke around six (6)  
 3 Don't give up getting unit back in shape (8)  
 4 Worker on strike to get free sample (7)  
 5 Artificial speech richer to construct (8)  
 6 Person in trouble about English senior citizen (9)  
 9 Hospital room, so tie up (4)  
 14 Leather sure to be inflexible (9)  
 16 Heavy weight is put into tree to amaze (8)  
 18 Part of phone one handles (8)  
 19 Officer, not specific as to detail (7)  
 21 Either way, it's in the casino once, at midday (4)  
 23 Cop and son – might horrify (6)  
 24 Moved horse to ring in Wild West activity (5)

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