

ACROSS

- 1 Tangled netting likened to sharp implement (8,6)
 9 Understood to be a man (5)
 10 Hesitant cattle run off (9)
 11 Wavy lines in note made to stretch (7)
 12 Closest Eastern muddle (7)
 13 Boast when clothing wrong way round (4)
 14 Incite lad to riot, all the same (9)
 18 Sum apportioned for destroying a wall once (9)
 20 Alien turns from Top End shelter (4)
 22 Man sounds like a bit of a bore! (7)
 25 Showing confusion like a beast of burden with a lot, sadly, to bear (2,1,4)
 26 Bird, fish, insect (9)
 27 I must interrupt fat Scottish landowner (5)
 28 Careless lads do unearth old manuscripts (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Kate takes in artist as form of self-defence (6)
 2 Mostly popular officer (2,7)
 3 Rotating vessel amid sound of bell (7)
 4 From Scandinavia we go north, rain dreadful (9)
 5 Some funny, long stocking material (5)
 6 Charm found in French anthem (7)
 7 Let in fifty first, rest to follow (5)
 8 Impressive piece of info on city (7)
 15 Observe possible hassle, but they may flutter (9)
 16 Quick to cut things out of Caroline's novel (9)
 17 Dull sound over cut field (7)

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- 19 Sound of word buzzed (7)
 20 Film advert for caravan (7)
 21 Private remarks from assistants holding squadron leader (6)
 23 In Peru, cheap pleated frilling (5)
 24 Wretch found in part of church, reportedly (5)