

ACROSS

- 7 Fool amusing or otherwise (9)
 8 Heart-breaking world (5)
 10 Tidy up and leave (5,3)
 11 Middle of recent disaster (6)
 12 Beat unpleasant foreign character (4)
 13 Very happy, still, to get behind European Community (8)
 15 Crooked tailor withholds name when in court (2,5)
 17 Agreeable soft drink (7)
 20 Find son involved in messy divorce (8)
 22 Lied about not working (4)
 25 Standard nonsense repeated in this fashion? (6)
 26 A German's upset those in charge (8)
 27 Almost astute little creature (5)
 28 Way of dealing with medical care? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Nimble soldier in the drink (5)
 2 Respect silver in house (6)
 3 Prospect of gold in South American country (8)
 4 He takes stock of other people (7)
 5 Denied that profits help (8)
 6 Grouse about giant pram (9)
 9 Poor cast performs (4)
 14 Change in pay that causes disgust (9)
 16 Put in second request about key instrument (8)
 18 Eastern relation put out (8)
 19 Earliest publicity with one girl (7)
 21 Veto upset by ballot (4)
 23 Vegetable to stick in sheltered place (6)
 24 Fetch bishop, then phone (5)

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