

ACROSS

- 7 Desert animal roamed about in dry surroundings (9)
 8 Stay smeared with pitch? (5)
 10 Reveal it upset one of the family (8)
 11 Take to mean problem in choppy sea (6)
 12 Some integrity and courage (4)
 13 Dull, directing actors? (8)
 15 Downfall of rotter in legal action (7)
 17 To deduce the answer is negative is hell (7)
 20 Dreadful evil once resulted in harmful behaviour (8)
 22 Intend to get tight (4)
 25 Stab a bit right inside (6)
 26 Ratification contains error (8)
 27 A stew concoction is rubbish (5)
 28 Cooked meal so hot – disgusting (9)

DOWN

- 1 Short twisted fibre (5)
 2 I'm leading a couple to cause damage (6)
 3 Let in, or let out? (8)
 4 A precious possession one is not bound to have (7)
 5 Scream, as terrible slaughter (8)
 6 Undertaking looks successful (9)
 9 Storm out of gear (4)
 14 Accountant during trial is awfully sarcastic (9)
 16 Place it in vegetable with speed (8)
 18 Propose to name in reshuffle (8)
 19 Strain of rattling one's tin (7)
 21 Born and died in poverty (4)
 23 Declare at cricket match (6)
 24 Follow mother's fixed opinion (5)

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