

**ACROSS**

- 7 A pen-clip, a strange gadget (9)  
 8 Monk is a cook, we hear (5)  
 10 Restrict most beer, that's sensible (8)  
 11 Very narrow lane leading to glen (6)  
 12 Smart little bird without a tail (4)  
 13 Provoke girl into weird rite (8)  
 15 Military unit with no time for diet (7)  
 17 Give now! (7)  
 20 Feline needs a personal groomer in burial chamber (8)  
 22 Tea for the cleaning lady? (4)  
 25 Rioted round journalist (6)  
 26 Relation going round home is threatening (8)  
 27 Bulb lit up, one working (5)  
 28 Old friend involved in deadlock (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Box holding eastern weapon (5)  
 2 Reportedly dispatch vehicle (6)  
 3 One clings to ship when rail gets clean broken (8)  
 4 Current demand for public approval (7)  
 5 Quietly tells a story for the churchmen (8)  
 6 Bemoaning faulty alignment (9)  
 9 More than six balls (4)  
 14 Cleaned in error – what a bloomer! (9)  
 16 Lack of movement in war (8)  
 18 Small amount of money in trust not so long ago (8)  
 19 Being overweight, do as told about rest (7)  
 21 Monster therefore returns (4)  
 23 Take for granted Sue and Sam are involved (6)  
 24 Redhead leaves fireplace to get to open ground (5)

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