

ACROSS

- 1 Main indicator is dropping a design, showing preference (14)
 9 Difficulties with small horses (5)
 10 Tell tales without losing your thread? (4,1,4)
 11 Bird, duck, shown in list (7)
 12 Yes, cats moved in delight (7)
 13 Changed mode of protest (4)
 14 Vegetable crop following dessert (9)
 18 A leg Asian twisted, but with absence of pain (9)
 20 Country listening to charge, wow! (4)
 22 Speak publicly of medical treatment (7)
 25 Fruit with rotten pair on bed (7)
 26 Stop terrible martinet with point (9)
 27 Dwell in part of prefab I decorated (5)
 28 Corny issue resolved, bank on formal ending (5,9)

DOWN

- 1 Abandon sandy area (6)
 2 Cleanse musical and TV drama (4,5)
 3 Its root is stewed for this dish (7)
 4 Suspects condensation corrodes (9)
 5 Innocent Anna I ventured to include (5)
 6 Conveyance of property around the poles (7)
 7 Order a bit of a laugh in Nebraska (5)
 8 Loosening workings of tiny gun (7)
 15 Battle with damaged ego in style (2,7)
 16 Thing I've followed to target (9)
 17 Order fellow to go on rendezvous (7)
 19 Frozen flower (7)

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- 20 Banned sort of beard (7)
 21 Tough fish enters home of pig (6)
 23 Load vehicle with energy (5)
 24 Atoms smashed in defensive ditches (5)