

**ACROSS**

- 1 Creature that can crush cartons with robotic movement (3,11)  
 9 First of tan tights – but not these! (5)  
 10 Judge artist climbing with some speed (9)  
 11 Higher, having left Rio dancing! (7)  
 12 Excel? Almost certainly on way through mountains (7)  
 13 Threat to shipping in October gales (4)  
 14 Moves abroad to Arab states, good to enter (9)  
 18 Emigrated as a result of stirring Ed's letter (9)  
 20 Tender return for love-god (4)  
 22 Opposed to making a profit from good person (7)  
 25 Group, one hundred of the highest merit (7)  
 26 Rebel daughter insisted on running wild (9)  
 27 Article on yours truly, as subject (5)  
 28 During break, find potential rust inside necessary facilities (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Flying mammal let out, causing a fight (6)  
 2 Reserve cape following a chump's return (9)  
 3 Starting with an opportunity? (7)  
 4 Vertical space for building rates will vary (9)  
 5 Steals about Orient in garments (5)  
 6 Food supplier prepared terrace (7)  
 7 From a harbour see landing beach (5)  
 8 Continue being cheeky about relative (7)  
 15 Sign in to get schedule police are backing (9)

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- 16 Hear actual join of union wardrobe (9)  
 17 American city or country with nothing (7)  
 19 Moroccan town with stronger flavour (7)  
 20 Stretchy feel a sticker has (7)  
 21 Maybe she came without a plan (6)  
 23 Clergyman has no head for crime (5)  
 24 Hardy heroine around river finds lock (5)