

ACROSS

- 1 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)
 9 Bachelor has article to cleanse (5)
 10 Spiny animal like a pig climbing inside (9)
 11 Rabble-rousing hasn't started to be an issue (7)
 12 Reconcile idea met poorly (7)
 13 Just beats time signal (4)
 14 Equipment to experiment with? (9)
 18 Loudly greeting change to top table? (4,5)
 20 Prevent bishop making cutting remark (4)
 22 Variety of rock genius mixed with oxygen (7)
 25 Unfriendly presenter on French island (7)
 26 Wrong exchange for euro, señor (9)
 27 Doctor back at sea with a plan (5)
 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

DOWN

- 1 Male, old boy on bunk, is surrounded by a crowd (6)
 2 Ragged tearing, in keeping (9)
 3 Foes see mine explode (7)
 4 Heartless competitor comes below salesman and is sorry (9)
 5 Some players crumble in rugby skirmish (5)
 6 Apart, as beneath (7)
 7 Feature a type of porcelain (5)
 8 Move backwards and overturn (7)
 15 Ship's officer taking in tea for one who pays (9)
 16 Put an end to ant without sodium (9)
 17 Hear the confessions of learner and dry up (7)

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- 19 Limited in arsenic, yet is plentiful (7)
 20 Sounds like single extras are in addition (7)
 21 Instruction to drummer to get lost! (4,2)
 23 Bearing prickly thorn (5)
 24 Son unwilling to be a lazy person (5)