

ACROSS

- 1 Fortunate there's not so many in cot (7)
- 5 Architect by church gets the tool (6)
- 9 Argue about a boring tool (5)
- 10 Lionesses moving, making no sound (9)
- 11 Unattractive variety of eglantine (9)
- 12 Tent peg containing CD (5)
- 13 Wrong design for adult (5)
- 15 Cheer in harbour (9)
- 17 Society man to release mother and child (9)
- 19 Quietly go ahead and beg (5)
- 21 Weary, appearing drawn around conclusion of supper (5)
- 22 Nymph is to be treated with auto-suggestion (9)
- 24 Means test arranged for eminent politicians (9)
- 25 Eccentric sort of route (5)
- 26 Article is about Pole's essay (6)
- 27 Gazes with esteem? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Conduct of a king in person (7)
- 2 Bird removes head from dog (5)
- 3 Longing in boy to become a doctor (7)
- 4 Guard seen changing overalls (9)
- 5 It was adjusted round the middle (5)
- 6 Person who crosses German prince (7)
- 7 Stack in box at lower price (5,4)
- 8 To the rear of a boat, like the seabird (6)
- 14 Outwit remaining contact (9)
- 16 Can batsman find kitchen utensil? (3-6)
- 17 Thief's unusual obsession (6)

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- 18 Insanity and confusion in chaos (7)
- 19 In favour of desire to stretch (7)
- 20 Young women led mass, surprisingly (7)
- 22 Smell you and I find in organic part of soil (5)
- 23 Bury for most of the season (5)