ACROSS

- **9** Amount of weapons from tree we pore over (9)
- **10** Make amends an hour after midday (5)
- **11** Some hitches I met in returned list (7)
- 12 Royal staff getting unlikely respect (7)
- **13** A leg (Asian) twisted, with no feeling of pain (9)
- **16** Fill in map by using emerald at first (5)
- **17** Disputed wild carnivore lost (13)
- 20 Penny, English girl, to irritate (5)
- 21 Cheer in harbour (9)
- 24 Put up with organ (7)
- 25 Inflexible man with social worker (7)
- 27 Dreary song in Agadir, generally (5)
- 28 Red rats surround tailless cat (9)

DOWN

- **1** Where safari may be organised, but capital of Cameroon, not Sweden? (6)
- 2 Be taking gunner into hillside (4)
- 3 Adding to drinking when not having starter (6)
- 4 Dainty model, little (4)
- 5 Urge a man to become an advertiser (5,5)
- 6 Restaurants are it! See cooking (8)
- **7** Spanish strip for agile acrobats passing through, but one missing (5,5)
- 8 Esteemed member of the clergy returning in a rush (7)
- 14 Is the managing director so honest? (5,5)
- 15 Digs into brush with tool (10)
- **18** Generate unruly youth (8)

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- **19** Event awfully deep, so one entered (7)
- 22 Way that is required for gig worker (6)
- 23 Observing that a bell's faulty? (6)
- 25 Slightly wrong advice when rearing young leaders (4)
- 26 Some Hungarian song (4)