## ACROSS

9 Journey round Europe with fine car, no hesitation $(5,4)$
10 Finished on time, that's plain to see (5)
11 Slowly get nearer to stuffy home $(5,2)$
12 Near the coast connected to prop (7)
13 Hound is in itself appealing (9)
16 Fill to the brim, taking to little dog (3-2)
17 Financially sound to replace office tins etc (4-9)
20 Bother old king buried in the past? (5)
21 Going up again, big increase in housing charge (9)
24 Seminar disrupted by troops (7)
25 Dramatist's story needs further coverage (7)
27 For example, tell tale about vassal (5)
28 Communion with Icarus the reckless (9)

## DOWN

1 Encourage trophy for the hard-boiled? (3-3)
2 Flyers returning to old Portuguese city (4)
3 Stick commercial in this place (6)
4 Complaint may only affect nerves initially (4)
5 Icy congers produced by deep-freezing? (10)
6 So sitter moved by artist (8)
7 About to arrive, writers claimed, for reward (10)
8 Try to entice at first (7)
14 Raised plot for the unlikely Roger Fonda? $(4,6)$
15 Not expected to get front inside, out of sight (10)
18 Oddly, not cured, but thrashed (8)

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19 Watched philosopher at factory (7)
22 Put in charge again (6)
23 Have dinner in attempt to find agreement (6)
25 Laugh at imitation (4)
26 Series covers Great Lake (4)

