ACROSS

- **9** Ten operas translated into artificial language (9)
- **10** Sect famished, but not fed (5)
- **11** After Monday, get a new picture made up (7)
- 12 Tutor abandoned the race (7)
- 13 No grips, so poor medical forecast (9)
- 16 Dramatist with glib sense of display (5)
- **17** Conventionalised novel operatic style (13)
- 20 Raises elevators (5)
- 21 Tight cord will get net repaired (9)
- **24** Greek character opposing Italian wine (7)
- **25** Short rhyme describing a pair to a T (7)
- **27** Looking pale as chicken (5)
- 28 Subterranean burrower makes hot warmer (9)

DOWN

- **1** Join forces with side that has been promoted (4,2)
- **2** Frank appears in top entertainment (4)
- 3 Decree that horrid nation is not odd (6)
- **4** Keen to reset joint (4)
- 5 Fortune teller years out after unending calm (10)
- 6 Violinist stuffing silver into sandwich (8)
- 7 Plant screen used after dark? (10)
- 8 Rationing, where shilling going fast (7)
- **14** Hidden but extremely good! (3,2,5)
- **15** Get drunk on small beer ingredients, damaged in stock (4-6)
- **18** Echoing notes ran all over the place (8)

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- **19** Almost pleased US spies get left frozen (7)
- 22 First of numbers should be nil (6)
- 23 Carry manuscript with tribal symbols (6)
- 25 Smoke but get remedy (4)
- **26** Approach menacingly with machine (4)