

**ACROSS**

- 1 Sadly, rocks delay colonists (14)
- 9 Mars is run atrociously! (5)
- 10 See my amusing confused effort in a hall (9)
- 11 Gets gen about savings (4,3)
- 12 Notion, however, with tin-opener (7)
- 13 First in court's given a long time in prison (4)
- 14 Former student in fit of the sulks, I've produced swear-word (9)
- 18 One raising a lid gets a surprise (3-6)
- 20 Endless glue needed to make tense (4)
- 22 I'd heard about reactionary (7)
- 25 Always set out for the highest peak (7)
- 26 Night polo new underground activity (9)
- 27 Don't start to flicker, say (5)
- 28 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Fearless lover disheartened (6)
- 2 Vessel has form that's neat and tidy (9)
- 3 Old book setting – disgusting! (7)
- 4 Wise choice of colour? (4-5)
- 5 Motorway illuminated outside boundary (5)
- 6 Empty article cropped up with flower (3,4)
- 7 Telling untruths unknown in fish (5)
- 8 Second relative gets cover (7)
- 15 Direct bargepole at fish (9)
- 16 Examiner's to look at alternative (9)
- 17 Minutes I spend round hills (7)

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- 19 Bird bill, love to kiss round it (7)
- 20 Take liberties with page summary (7)
- 21 Stiffener for celebrity attending church (6)
- 23 Additional casual actor (5)
- 24 General meaning of snow pile (5)