ACROSS

- 9 Construction head benign, lacking appeal (9)
- **10** One's run out of fish in locality (5)
- **11** Mean to affirm time (7)
- 12 Cecil is removing winter spikes (7)
- **13** Self-raising aid fits trial outing (9)
- **16** Publication for children (5)
- **17** Dismay country following clumsily on crest (13)
- 20 Dad eats most of loaf in public square (5)
- 21 Take down amendments to old martial art (9)
- **24** Improve, hence changes involving article (7)
- 25 Walks for months? (7)
- 27 Bet it breaks up in a mountainous region! (5)
- 28 Dire trait exposed, so annoyed (9)

DOWN

- 1 Canoes unstable in these waters? (6)
- 2 Create product's brand-name (4)
- 3 I'm joining a couple to cause damage (6)
- **4** That woman, at end of voyage, has arrived (4)
- 5 Help fool to gain one position (10)
- 6 In shop Tim is trying to be a hopeful type (8)
- 7 Small quantity Bill placed on poles (10)
- 8 Had no food around end of June? Quite the opposite! (7)
- **14** One afraid to go out with Garbo, a hope shattered (10)
- 15 Intermixes compound if all else fails (2,8)
- **18** Do not move injured nag in the country (8)

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- **19** Without oxygen, toy plane flying galore (7)
- 22 Segment of hollow arm? That's cordiality (6)
- 23 In the team and entitled to score (6)
- 25 Lake, pure and simple (4)
- **26** Strong dislike when dined at hotel (4)