

## ACROSS

- 1 Mould-killer (9)  
8 Tender to the touch (4)  
9 Fixing solution for the tresses (9)  
10 Pink farmyard animals (4)  
13 Religious assiduity (5)  
16 Woolly black and white bear-like animal (5)  
17 Unwraps (5)  
18 Streamlined or glossy (5)  
19 Theft, armed hold-up (5)  
20 Remove pencil marks (5)  
21 Slackened (5)  
24 \_\_\_ Islands, group in Galway Bay (4)  
27 Desisted (from) (9)  
28 Affectedly quaint (4)  
29 Beetles which eat aphids (9)

## DOWN

- 2 Salt Lake state (4)  
3 Mystical religious figure (4)  
4 \_\_\_ pants, tapered cropped women's trousers (5)  
5 Handed out playing-cards (5)  
6 Male officer of the law (9)  
7 Kept at it, stuck it out (9)  
11 Raise your stakes (2,3,4)  
12 Bosom buddies (9)  
13 Glue (5)  
14 Straight odds (5)  
15 Linked like oxen (5)  
22 Round space in which gladiators fought (5)  
23 Ahead of time (5)  
25 Cableless internet (2-2)  
26 Centre of a pencil (4)

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