

ACROSS

- 1 Talk rapidly (6)
4 Circles, squares etc (6)
9 Quiet (7)
10 Device which drives a boat or washing machine (5)
11 Civic leader (5)
12 Melton Mowbray product (4,3)
13 Spiny shrub (5)
15 Variety of steak (1-4)
20 Moving by small degrees (7)
22 Elevates (5)
24 Stomach of an animal, prepared as food (5)
25 Porridge ingredient (7)
26 Upshot (6)
27 Car or bicycle stoppers (6)

DOWN

- 1 ___ Vine, radio and TV presenter (6)
2 Dictatorial (5)
3 Attempts, endeavours (7)
5 Greek writer of the 'Iliad' (5)
6 Treated like a doormat (3-4)
7 Powerful rushes of an emotion (6)
8 Abscond with a lover (5)
14 Exotic flowers (7)
16 Prop up (7)
17 Machine assembler (6)
18 Ice house (5)
19 Hymns (6)
21 Standard of perfection (5)
23 Aberration (5)

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