

ACROSS

- 1 Bullion bars (6)
- 4 Squeezed (6)
- 9 Smooth-talker (7)
- 10 Steeple (5)
- 11 Sniff (5)
- 12 Eight-sided shape (7)
- 13 Soft buttery sweet (5)
- 15 Rocky (5)
- 20 Alternatively (7)
- 22 Moral story, as written by Aesop (5)
- 24 Item of crockery (5)
- 25 Political constituent (7)
- 26 Long-bodied car (6)
- 27 Without thought (6)

DOWN

- 1 Engrave onto (metal) (6)
- 2 Wine fruit (5)
- 3 Interim period (4,3)
- 5 Overturn (5)
- 6 Making an entrance (5,2)
- 7 Colouring (hair) (6)
- 8 Person who looks after horses (5)
- 14 Cheeky newcomer (7)
- 16 Ball-gown fabric (7)
- 17 Surface movement of water (6)
- 18 Appended (5)
- 19 Close (6)
- 21 Incident (5)
- 23 Complain (5)

