

ACROSS

- 1 Large cats (6)
 4 End of a boot (6)
 9 Lebanese port (7)
 10 Shallow river crossings (5)
 11 Must (3,2)
 12 Tent used for functions (7)
 13 Stanza of a poem (5)
 15 Vermin (5)
 20 Raise to a near convenient amount (5,2)
 22 Puts (a question) (5)
 24 ___ *Beauty*, horse story (5)
 25 Sheet aluminium (7)
 26 Smart, stylish (6)
 27 Barren open spaces (6)

DOWN

- 1 Short-tempered (6)
 2 Acquires, wins (5)
 3 Disorderly, unruly (7)
 5 Bid (5)
 6 Lap (7)
 7 Savoury spreads (6)
 8 Florida city (5)
 14 Strive to imitate (7)
 16 Wipe out (7)
 17 Gave a backhander to (6)
 18 Pimples on the skin (5)
 19 Hymns (6)
 21 Earthwork boundaries (5)
 23 Pig's nose (5)

