



**Across**

- 1 Bandleader composed endlessly (7)
- 5 Once cool little flower (7)
- 9 Divide copper and put back (3-2)
- 10 Midas story heard going round, first suggested by metalworker (9)
- 11 Rate women badly - seems like rotten deal (4-5)
- 12 Freeze in price upsets the seller (3,2)
- 13 Proving agent, as yet may be wrong (5)
- 15 He can't understand women who wear hijab (3,6)

- 18 Badly nag her son or dependents (7-2)
- 19 *see 5 across* (5)
- 21 Lost cause acts out part of cad (5)
- 23 First item at the film festival sounds useful to the chef (3,6)
- 25 Stupidly import tailless puma on the spur of the moment (9)
- 26 Girl devours a Bombay dish (5)
- 27 Getting a ring or perhaps not (7)
- 28 Use rate fixing - that's extreme! (7)

**Down**

- 1 Cleaner went over the road in London (7)
- 2 Extend hospitality to nurse (9)
- 3 That's enough from camp leader (5)
- 4 I would return soldier a list about drugs (9)
- 5 That bloke, what's his name, is a woman (5)
- 6 Exercise silent order - that's troublesome (9)
- 7 "Enlist, thou person of rank", he said (5)
- 8 Habitual loser or phone exchange type (2-5)

- 14 Signature tune of the egotist? (5,4)
- 16 U.N. in Spain, get the French to cultivate land (9)
- 17 Doctor has own Scottish instrument, to carry waste (9)
- 18 *see 1 across* (7)
- 20 Distance took police a long time (7)
- 22 Pixilated penguin, not in open (5)
- 23 First class union partners, inseparable - Dear God! (5)
- 24 He twists the theme with 5 down (5)