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- 1 Short strong post. (7)
- 5 Sweeping implement. (5)
- 7 Beer. (3)
- 8 Jean's material. (5)
- **9** Domain. (5)
- 10 Important topic. (5)
- 11 Thin light crisp biscuit. (5)
- 13 Army military vehicles. (5)
- 15 Proposed explanation. (6)

- **16** Fishing gear. (6)
- **19** A local tax. (5)
- 21 Combined or joined. (5)
- 23 Dish for food. (5)
- **24** Sound. (5)
- 25 Conjuring tricks. (5)
- 26 Rowing implement. (3)
- 27 Garden plant. (5)
- 28 Formal association of people. (7)

Down

- 2 Drama set to music. (5)
- 3 An adoring fan. (7)
- 4 Young unmarried woman. (6)
- **5** A cap. (5)
- **6** Farmhouse and outbuildings. (9)
- 11 Niagara is one. (9)
- 12 Group of ships. (5)
- 14 Nude. (5)

- 17 A medical condition. (7)
- **18** Steps. (6)
- 20 A piece of cutlery. (5)
- **22** Live. (5)