

1Across Grids
What the Dickens!

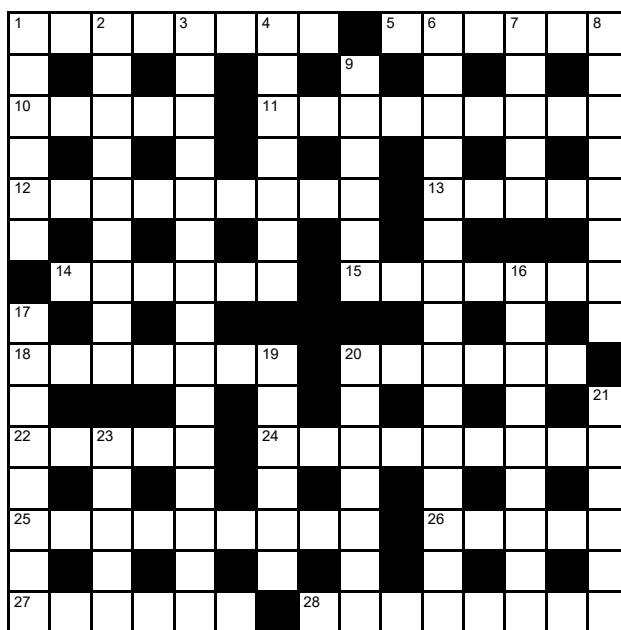
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Across

- 1 Charge around a piece of land, say like Dickens' cheerful miniature painter (2,6)
- 5 Awkward state...endless nausea, in a mess...bit embarrassing (6)
- 10 Sound tests in a second (5)
- 11 Bawdy brother-in-law from New Delhi starts to cheat on debts (9)
- 12 A voice quality, by the sound of it pointed to Yom Kippur theme? (9)
- 13 Decorate blue-red ship (5)
- 14 Legal enactments protect lead provider (6)
- 15 Twist died! OMG, a minor deity! (7)
- 18 Obstacles faced alongside this timid chap from Bleak House (7)
- 20 Regret Satis Houses' rejection of a winery employee, perhaps (6)
- 22 From the beginning, Esther's modestly bashful, eerily resembling dying coal (5)
- 24 Little woman's torrid? Oddly, she is Dickens' most selfless character (3,6)
- 25 An evening with the Marquis is all that Gaspard wanted? (3,3,3)
- 26 Initial letters from Fagin, Oliver lost in old manuscript (5)
- 27 A sound player, Steerforth's half out..sadly gets zero (6)
- 28 Drown one sister on a rendezvous (8)

Down

- 1 Lady Havisham initially, overwhelms alien criminal causing death (6)
- 2 Clone this sausage from melted plain chocolate (9)
- 3 Geezer, once sober became a host to many a ghost? (8,7)
- 4 Guts one craves to crush (7)
- 6 Corrupt FBI found income from miser, essentially the Golden Dustman? (9,6)
- 7 Desolate, having lost heart, Allen



- desperately nurses some Ouzo (5)
- 8 European, with leg on either side, loses heart for small part of Manhattan (4,4)
- 9 Journalist's dead within, but in heaven (6)
- 16 Lure a girl to become a member of the resistance (9)
- 17 Estella's best ostrich swallowed a carcinogen? (8)
- 19 Yes! Old saint gets young and bubbly (6)
- 20 Go into building in an attempt to deceive someone (3,2,2)
- 21 Pet Mark (6)
- 23 Nearly ram an isolated hill (5)