



**Across**

- 1 Trimmed comb-over, male head providing ridicule (7)
- 5 Sentences not German without big words (5)
- 8 Time confusing one, being on the move (9)
- 9 Gone off secretly to post a letter (5)
- 11 Love hearts recalled taking advantage of shelters (7)
- 12 Lands such as Delaware and New York? (7)
- 13 Go out more, leaving Mary finally without shame (9)
- 15 Nerve might be appropriate for gossip (5)
- 17 Trainee pruned plant (5)
- 19 Contour of alien morphing into shapes (9)
- 21 On the trot? (7)

- 23 Puzzled by, and also confused by Society (2,1,4)
- 25 Virgin claims special prize (5)
- 26 Rudely taking things can make trouble (9)
- 27 Regret fat, somewhat round, posterior (5)
- 28 That's wrong! After tan's faded developing tumours (7)

**Down**

- 1 A lighter suit (5)
- 2 Whereby a clot starts to gel until not a liquid (9)
- 3 One experiencing cold winter misses South of Spain? (7)
- 4 Sawn-off shooter gets convict in prison (5)
- 5 I provide drinks and cake for every male (3,6)
- 6 Moves examinations after failing to grasp English (2-5)

- 7 Mercedes motor vehicles reversing (5)
- 10 "E" - a letter preceding Latin in use (7)
- 13 Support for foot bone (7)
- 14 Rogue lies about someone rating highly (9)
- 16 I shorten time and I stop moving (9)
- 18 Rip clothes, design dress (7)
- 20 French town where Dutch footballers lost ten - to cricket club? (7)
- 22 Largely typical Italian Opera (5)
- 23 Indian town where professional anglers meet (5)
- 24 They express longing - how long did they express? (5)