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- 1 Sketch writer taken on by *Daily Express* initially (8)
- 6 He's sponsored police officer to probe thug (6)
- 9 Dons meet here to copy and fiddle (6)
- 10 Tools producing half of suture lines? (8)
- 11 Good girl about to swallow lie that's material (5,5)
- 12 Boy with poor A-level grades gets to university at last (4)
- 13 African branch development is last item on agenda splitting airline board's leadership (6)
- 15 Metal money apparently good? I'm not sure (8)

- 18 Places to cultivate award-winning tournament players (8)
- 20 Incentive to change vehicle? (6)
- 21 One prejudiced to some extent knows no better (4)
- 23 An emphasis on cooking vessel skills? (10)
- 25 Woman playing topless, like a tease (8)
- 26 Bulb lit up grail before start of Christmas (6)
- 27 Sophy's recycling makes a mint (6)
- 28 What might be tabled in European Parliament by assembled Greens? (8)

Down

- 2 It's clear former Head entertains baseless religion (9)
- 3 Men sacrificing pawn for nothing creates confusion (5)
- 4 Unutterable, or incapable of being sworn? (9)
- 5 Uniform just has no appeal (7)
- 6 Diver capsized shipping hazard leaving Channel Islands (5)
- 7 Paint in hellish mood (9)
- 8 I'll shortly be entered in dictionary as "drunk" (5)
- 14 Fan props up person beginning to suffer setbacks (4,5)

- 16 Spooner's dispute with busy figure on plane (9)
- 17 Dutch killer, 50, escaping from Egyptian city that is without police force (9)
- 19 Bridge and Elgar retrospective lacking A&R glitter (7)
- 22 Woman knowing best takes setter for a fool (5)
- 23 One running mile has power to spare (5)
- 24 Every now and again, superego checks over youngster (5)