

ACROSS

- 1 Authoritative source checked by a vet? (3,6,5)
- 9 Break open sculpture right in the middle (5)
- 10 Gas about one slim sort of playwright (4,5)
- 11 Head of reserve infuriates Scottish football team (7)
- 12 Furniture found in actor's room? (7)
- 13 Toy to perform: 50-50 (4)
- 14 Reporters in a rush to be subjugated (9)
- 18 Nurse felt terribly bitter (9)
- 20 Boat that once changed hands in Ireland (4)
- 22 Snake provides weird present (7)
- 25 Artillery fire causing anger at the pub counter (7)
- 26 Mexican dish left in tumbledown hacienda (9)
- 27 Pick up smoother bottle (5)
- 28 Old hotel? Nothing to worry about (4,2,3,5)

DOWN

- 1 Thanks poet for item of clothing (6)
- 2 Wrong exchange for euro, señor (9)
- 3 Nothing at dinner, perhaps, but porridge (7)
- 4 Type style should begin to develop fairness (4,5)
- 5 Recoiled when one's in hut (5)
- 6 Old book setting – disgusting! (7)
- 7 Uses a stopwatch on occasions (5)
- 8 I turned out to trespass (7)
- 15 American resort to conceal billion per person (4,5)
- 16 Romanians struggling in this republic (3,6)
- 17 Guardian faithful about unreliable set (7)

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- 19 Lacking bakery process, we hear (7)
- 20 Defensive wall – part surrounds monkey (7)
- 21 Riches gained when the law amended (6)
- 23 Page found in the correct order (5)
- 24 School coach (5)