

**ACROSS**

- 9 Development of leaderless uprising (9)
- 10 A mask is said to be of use (5)
- 11 Ranges of unusual carpets (7)
- 12 True, one is lost but on the way (2,5)
- 13 Called it a variation of local speech (9)
- 16 City includes hot but cosy corner (5)
- 17 Incan chariots travelling out of time (13)
- 20 Strong point of fifth citadel? (5)
- 21 Final trench made when other options have been exhausted (4-5)
- 24 A produced American picture (7)
- 25 Initially like recent changes to reading desk (7)
- 27 Lost one resin that's red or mauve (5)
- 28 A visit to the pub for cheap conversation? (5,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Minimum, it's said, granted to a tenant (6)
- 2 Veto upset by ballot (4)
- 3 Reptile turns up in motel, truthfully! (6)
- 4 Snake turns and eats one in Italian city (4)
- 5 Reinforces below the track (10)
- 6 Police documents managed to cut through blemishes (8)
- 7 Crams input, higgledy-piggledy, into document (10)
- 8 Claims from supporter in mixed sale (7)
- 14 Sailor and friend embracing standard in unusual way (10)
- 15 Tries yells out without exhausting oneself (10)
- 18 Cold about solid-sounding belief (8)

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- 19 Unopened eatery efficient and warm (7)
- 22 Compliant medic on French island (6)
- 23 Manage turning device (6)
- 25 Hold in ring this piece of hair (4)
- 26 Cheese prepared upside down (4)