

**ACROSS**

- 9 Do take him out to comic opera (3,6)
- 10 Relation kind about last of inheritance (5)
- 11 Appreciate how to convert into cash (7)
- 12 Make president put one into wrong answer (5,2)
- 13 Detective's agent to broadcast poor condition (9)
- 16 Choose to give someone a seat (5)
- 17 Dessert is ricotta, if luck holds out (5,8)
- 20 Sticks with conjunctions (5)
- 21 Renegotiating lease isn't necessary (9)
- 24 Move quickly, yes, for bacon (7)
- 25 Recover silver in ointment (7)
- 27 I am personally joining the general confused fight (5)
- 28 A right polite fellow in a foreign country (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Celebrity journalist watched fixedly (6)
- 2 Cheese is some fat, effectively upside down (4)
- 3 Is a lie contrived to make contact? (6)
- 4 Fifty to one it's material (4)
- 5 Magicians' greeting? (4,6)
- 6 During downward climb, to lose direction is improper (8)
- 7 Divorce document offered as residence I demolished (6,4)
- 8 Shattered tureen I put together again (7)
- 14 Asian snack on seasonal list? (6,4)
- 15 Very characteristic to try each out with friend (10)
- 18 Wearing suit lavishly (2,6)

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- 19 Or calculation reported to be wondrous (7)
- 22 Initially notices yawning ladder on new silk stockings (6)
- 23 Fish put back, method given latitude (6)
- 25 Among Vikings, a gallant old story (4)
- 26 Notice about motorway is found inside (4)