CROSSWORD
No. 15,488 Set by WANDERER

ACROSS
1  Bottom, an ass? He's put these on before going off, perhaps (10)
7  Where kippers might be the choice of many? (4)
9  Film director found in list (4)
10 Perfume female called Isis originally, after one Greek deity (10)
11 Long to be in a northern spa town (6)
12 It's very tough to beat tae kwon do champion's last outing (4,4)
13 Give a tick to playwright's broadcast (5,3)
15 One sailing before noon in lake (4)
17 Parrot has answer on tip of beak repeatedly (4)
19 A short practice involving little growth in capital (3,5)
20 Blessing well in African country (7)
21 Italian city getting up-to-date, but not right away (6)
22 What some airlines do with surplus volume (8)
23 Given to dithering after dropping a tablet, making one cross? (6)
25 Difference in US kennel is staggering (10)
26 Right wood for hives? (4)
27 Send message that's offensive, without a kiss (4)
28 When ugly monster initially terrified mixed group (10)

DOWN
2  Hair stood on edge during tough sale? Yes (7)
3  Army chief posts piece of cake (5)
4  Occasionally switch positions (3,3,2)
5  Novella in which king and knight briefly appear (5,2,8)
6  Wherein JD Salinger essentially goes off message (6)
7  Uses ducking stool, perhaps, once light's dimmer (9)
8  Managed firm, supported by your texted venom (7)
14 Man overboard? Hoist way up! (9)
16 Six runs, so hit sightscreen? (3,5)
18 Go ahead with early March offer (7)
20 Blessing well in African country (7)
21 Italian city getting up-to-date, but not right away (6)
24 Umpteenth rumba's to repeat monotonously (5)

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