## ACROSS

1 It's smutty and gives guest hiccups (10)

7 Feeling of old man with hungry stomach? (4)
9 It's used to fence in sheep, easily reversed (4)
10 In a Catholic clergyman it's wrong (10)

11 Crippling debts overwhelm one in flat (6)
12 Too many bosses? Sadly have to pay one to retire (3-5)
13 Lift restriction on a foreign band's vocal (8)
15 Surgical sock fitted in to boot (4) 17 The party's over for King Edward, say (4)
19 Odd atmosphere as topless lady hosts At Home (8)
22 Service vehicle court case almost thrown out $(5,3)$
23 Irritable son, 30, first to be ejected (6)

25 Sky viewers used them in a brief walk to new base (10)
26 Send packing for short film (4)
27 Model documents describing Oscar (4)

28 Top surgeon's job, belting round theatre (10)
DOWN
2 Lots meet up after work at entrance to nightclub (7)
3 Reckon pub's out of the black stuff (5)

4 Labour group vital - it generates capital during depression $(5,3)$
5 Tsar: "I haven't a clue"? $(4,3,8)$
6 Book passage, avoiding river bar (6)
7 Mineral containing carbon in ordinary biscuit, say (9)
8 No change in options for locals (7)
14 Revolutionaries argued fiercely in some ways $(3,6)$
16 It has ferries everywhere, fret not! $(5,3)$
18 Was his art misanthropic, as some maintain? (7)
20 I had limited time during broadcast to relax (3-4)
21 Old fool cradles English cat (6)
24 Children's author all but upset dramatist (5)


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