CROSSWORD
No. 15,534 Set by ALBERICH

ACROSS
1. Panting to get hold of riches, for a start? (8)
5. Capital changes hands for dog (6)
10. Drunkard covers another’s back (7)
11. Powerful woman is seducer but no tease, we hear (7)
12. Old climber is sheepish (5)
13. Religious practice, one adopted by big guns (9)
14. Yours truly feeds sick rural man on IV, perhaps (5,7)
18. Soup Ingmar regularly sampled in island port (12)
21. Political upheaval in Cuba’s capital shown by up-to-date broadcast (4,5)
23. Son’s reluctant to become tree-climber (5)
24. Social gathering’s first to honour Alberich’s hairdo (7)
25. Tour guide indicates font (7)
26. One who made will primarily disposed of . . . this? (6)
27. Minute exotic tree planted in church yard – or churchyard? (8)

DOWN
1. Climbing hill, Yank gets tummy trouble (6)
2. Genoa perhaps is under a second attack (6)
3. Former investment in opera? Sadly, not a sausage (9)
4. No love, not a man to inhale fresh air of the country (8,6)
6. In vexation I pull up plant (5)
7. Frenchman’s held up by drab vegetation (8)
8. Wind section’s opening note coming in too soon (8)
9. In two senses, a feature of Times (7,7)
15. Very trivial cryptic clue requiring less up top (9)
16. Can your setter keep Conservative sweet? (8)
17. French writer of fine novel La Brute (8)
19. Refined crude oil is stored in part by European (6)
20. Shout about the woman’s virginity (6)
22. Germany’s crack tenor (5)

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PATIENCE
AWINR
SNOWDROP
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OXEYE
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SER
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AUM
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ERYNGO
CLEMATIS