Crossword 14,529 Set by Falcon

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- 1 A drop of rouge in small restaurant
- in appropriate container (6)
- 4 King inside watched criminal struck forcibly (8)
- **9** On radio, remained composed (5) 10 Ring America following very brief
- period of great significance (9) 11 Having insect land on shoulder is a
- pet hate (7) **12** Attacking player in match? (7)
- **13** Stuff about sheep (4) 14 They can carry water from river
- feeding places set apart for games (8)
- 17 Calibre of dear item misplaced (8) 19 Time and trouble taken to find
- private eve (4) 22 Time and trouble taken to find retriever (4,3)
- 24 Regular high fliers in first class, heading for Riyadh, boasted (7)
- 25 Antagonist in graveyard's decapitated, spookily (9)
- **26** Quietly departed leaving trophy (5)
- 27 Name US conductor coming from former French province (8)
- 28 More than one young lad, losing seconds initially, acts indecisively (6) DOWN

1 Conservative has shifted support for

- supermarket service (8) 2 End distribution of a drug for
- detachment (9) 3 Food favourite and more rum (6)
- 5 Digs private lines flanking a minister
- (4.9)
- 6 Racecourse trainer mostly worried
- about Epsom's opener (7) 7 In shock, so I keeled over in booth
- 8 Leave course, reportedly (6)
- 10 German elder in comic German opera (6,7)
- 15 Leader of 24 in commotion on trial
- flight (9) 16 Female, unruly, could become
- perfect (8) 18 Road ran out in mountainous country
- **20** Get boat repaired at home (6) 21 Doctor receiving rebuke over a brandy (6)
- 23 In right state, one talking incoherently (5)

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