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**Across**

1. Scholar comes right out of the walkway into the fog. (9)
8. Cut a bargain with reverse fastenings. (4)
9. In his vessel astrogator sips peach concoction. (9)
11. Old man prepared chief ingredient for marzipan. (6)
13. Girl shows off prickly shrub. (5)
15. The end of echo-location shown on the Jewish calendar. (4)
16. More lazy learner in the middle of a bumpy ride reads an occasional magazine. (5)
17. Video connection has defect a short time afterwards. (5)
18. After incident with fragmented bullet, box office success for young elephant.(5)
19. Mobile state observed before old English succulent discovered. (4)
20. Amphibian with a yen to be a lap-dog? (5)
22. Cast out filthy ash bin! (6)
25. Eve ate nut mixture? How could that come to pass?(9)
26. Frown on wheatmeal that is free from fluorine. (4)
27. Sybil giddily sees spirit I left outside. (9)

**Down**

2. Deal with cartel in disarray wearing hooded garment! (4)
3. Let bad cod rot — or adulterate it?(6)
4. Quick way of working on the Italian city in Mesopotamia. (5)
5. A branch of Islam — sounds simple, doesn't it? (4)
6. Spiritually minded Lowry involved with Lund (in southern Sweden)? (9)
7. Muddled bids regarding pew appear to be a sign of neglect. (6,3)
10. While going up a mountain it helps to have long hair braided. (5)
12. Electric light component for actor and poet to cultivate resilient tulip, perhaps. (5,4)
13. A horn! I'm mute without thee, and confused, my little reed organ! (9)
14. Tokyo money, and the sense of the rising sun .. it lifts everything given the right conditions. (5)
17. Drench thoroughly and in this way make the most of it. (5)
19. Regulate and make publicity honest. (6)
21. Big cat weighing hundreds of times as much. (5)
23. Croatian island from which hydrogen is exported to a part of southern France. (4)
24. Did Miss regret that she was not related to the people who manufactured lifts? (4)