

The wordplay to three Down answers omits one letter. These letters may lead solvers to a hidden message from the setter.

ACROSS

- 8 Ballet dancer – high jinks linked to one in US city (8)
- 9 Create some resounding cheer, possibly, nothing more (2-4)
- 10 Some projectile apparently describing aerial manoeuvre? (4)
- 11 A couple of Rastafarians upset India (1-3-1)
- 12 One moving to front of conceited tsar (4)
- 13 Roman Procurator not at mansion? (4)
- 14 Atlases and orb reconstituted as navigational aids (10)
- 15 Whirls frontless lingerie items (6)
- 17 Ailing international group? How do you like that! (6)
- 21 Discuss in group Britain's poor weather (10)
- 24 Area of depravity: hard core? (4)
- 25 Stupid plot development's not succeeded (4)
- 26 One's backing European Parliament in saga (5)
- 27 Target money chest (4)
- 28 A knight or a king? One's unsociably absorbed (6)
- 29 A job worried someone changing their mind (8)

DOWN

- 1 What's the point about food shop's watermark? (8)
- 2 Joint and dessert for laid-back individual (6)
- 3 Guess I'm coming into inheritance? (8)
- 4 Young flappers clearly disheartened gents in a dance (7)
- 5 Shakespeare character: King to err, caught between loves (6)
- 6 Think this writer's period about the *ne plus ultra* (8)
- 7 Actor finally entering stage, delivering part of speech (6)
- 16 Vagrants deserted conmen? Not good (8)
- 18 Affect important position? Dream on, being misguided (4-4)
- 19 Authors etc. I found in new edition of *Tatler* (8)
- 20 Native American's complaint about sign of drunkenness (7)
- 22 Girl's fresh or uppity (6)
- 23 Drunk's encouragement to drink mostly involving cash (6)
- 24 Hero of Wodehouse manuscript turning up in a hole (6)