## ACROSS

1 Game - unfinished one - about to keep John playing (3-4)
5 Drunk drunkards going back and forth, keeping quiet (7)
9 Kipper's unfinished sheet (5)
10 European leader replacing Asian one in Mongolia's reformed coinage (9)
11 Losing greeting from YouTube, fail dismally to be fair (9)
12 Pothead decapitated novelist (5)
13 Legacy of trauma - female garment (5)

15 Basic source of mould removed from the Spanish cheese (9)
18 Date of holy birth (New Testament)? (9)

19 Type of column inverting capital D (not A) (5)
21 D-Domino's rejected employees? (5)
23 Argonauts discovering bitter source (9)

25 Farcical situation in which Dogberry's brother rebuilt igloo (9)
26 Pancake - one initially lobbed into trashcan first (5)
27 Come-uppance from Meissen? (7)
28 Warm, bright précis read out (7)

## DOWN

1 Con involving one black vehicle (7)
2 Random gamble securing a hostelry (9)

3 Frank's spare time (5)
4 Curtsy, last of incense (etc) getting flung about (9)
5 Sing of cyber-bully (5)
6 Narrow margin in which nothing gets thrashed out $(5,4)$
7 Choose to be pierced by royal spur (5)

8 Left umbrella in last carriage? On the contrary (7)
14 Footwear for summer somersaults (4-5)
16 Outré English bird not quite embracing (say) compiler (9)
17 Quite sour, maybe, but not quite green (9)
18 Don't hit one on purpose (7)
20 Love being cautious about it (7)
22 White space deleted from record (5)
23 They may be involved in turning left amid choppers (5)
24 Problem holding up live secretion (5)


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