## ACROSS

1, 25 Case of appeasement giving some immunity for talk about setter in colour $(6,9)$
4 Saga about a lot of salt taken one piece at a time (8)
9 Tree out of Canterbury (5)
10 Retailer returned to painting amphibious mammal (9)
11, 12, 19 Appeaser given Geordie town room had a rest $(7,11)$
13 See 28
14 Hero understanding part of game (8)

17 Sucker saying "why me?" first in quarter $(4,4)$
19 See 11
22, 24 Original of appeaser's promise to auction empire off to the east $(5,2,3,4)$
25 See 1
26 A cover heard to be of use (5)
27 Involve a star-shaped figure losing head (8)
28, 13 Spooner's West Midland wooded hollow sending one to the big sleep? $(6,4)$

## DOWN

1 Spicy liquid from boatyard on quarterdeck twice? (8)
2 "Man bites dog" has even US law perplexed $(4,5)$
3, 21 Fold with member inside dripping on to stick? $(6,6)$
5 No grub, captain? That's what comes of being skittish $(8,5)$
6 VP's loss of liquid? (7)
7 Protest at second remove from service (5)
8 Island singer (6)
10 Month come round with damage to public health $(3,6,4)$
15 Bird encircling American country (not British) died in Africa (9)
16 A French procrastination about right accompaniment to carpet (8)
18 Lady gone to scene with moonshine? (7)
20 Apprehension of a pet United Kingdom project? (6)
21 See 3
23 A demon at grasping a little day



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