CROSSWORD
No 17,231 Set by ARTEXLEN

ACROSS
1 Mother returned home with tuck of various kinds (8)
5 Westbound Tolkien characters, two lines move on screen (6)
10 Ignoring leader, artful crank (5)
11 Such that ground may get after entry of whole (4-5)
12 VIP putting golf with fool in appointment book (9)
13 Country in plan to drop metric unit of mass . . . (5)
14 . . . imperial measure of mass rocks (6)
15 Take away tons carried around (7)
18 Husband drunk is more daring (7)
20 Robin, say, beside another without wings – that's bad luck (6)
22 Plants coil oddly around front (5)
24 Shabby condition of couple after rocky rides (9)
25 Buccaneering mate seizing scoundrel in charge on island (9)
26 Old part of building that's outstanding (5)
27 Vessel stripped bare with crack across base (6)
28 Calls to invest in good French causes (6,2)

DOWN
1 Complaint from youth interrupting former PM (6)
2 One directs new pilot about flying ultimately (9)
3 Encourage keeping control over little politician (7,8)
4 Hold-ups shake gentle types according to Spooner (3,4)
6 Demonstrate talent once emotion is settled on broadcast (4,4,4,3)
7 Extract from clown editor retained (5)
8 Former traps close to boundary used to cause devastation (3,5)
9 Remained speedy regularly crossing river (6)
16 Peculiarities of number beset by malaise at sea (9)
17 Elegant parrot eating soft seed (8)
19 Physician from foreign country dropping by for day (6)
20 That woman filled with desire bringing down large fraud (7)
21 Mounted US soldier among other ranks in base (6)
23 Learner leaving red mark on page (5)