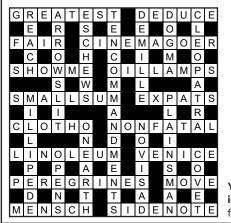
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ACROSS

1 Fellow conservative enthralled by Aussie resident's artistic style (6)

4 A Welshwoman travelled by plane, broadcasting ailment (5,3)

9 Eagerly take in Grand Canyon maybe (5)
10 Oral rendering by daughter had bowled over liberal author (5,4)

11 Bull pub's in centre, on river (7)

12 Ancient region vets drug trial, repeatedly ignoring extremes (7)

13 Busy person taking Victor out of Channel port (4)

14 Proud to go around north-east entering vegetable, without introduction (8)

17 Parasite wanted mirror owned by couple emptying room (8)

19 Ready for opening of Ulysses? Carry on reading (2,2)

22 Varying article by Hugo as freelance, essentially (7)

24 International sponsorship Pat avoided for a period (4,3)

25 Lady at pub with skimpy attire two characters joined (9)

26 Freshwater fish cook in simmering liquid, right for papa (5)

27 Heading off guard, female pair of

Europeans charge at gate? (5,3)

28 Maestro Australian parked in marketplace (6)

DOWN

1 Newspaper rated new clothing business (3,5)

2 Roly-poly, I'm amazed, climbed up fast (9)

3 Scarred regularly by effect of sun on Mediterranean island (6)

5 Movement on deck, with fish entering boat (13)

6 Country artist supporting The Conjunctions? (7)

7 Talent show: beginning in lounge between one and two (5)

8 At college, youngster digests band put on Facebook? (6)

10 Nick and Walter organised staff for PM once (6,7)

15 Star entertainer to be advised about work by Charlie (3,6)

16 Rather strange meows by hot cat, scratching head (8)

18 Turkey etc of poor quality, according to report (7)

20 Quietly crowd together in Hackney, as a consequence of rain? (6)

21 Newsman Jack loves to nip home for the Ashes? (6)

23 Retired postman perhaps who settles abroad (5)