CROSSWORD
No. 16,074 Set by WANDERER

ACROSS
1 Former Taoiseach said personal security guard is key individual (8)
6 Like the tail of a duck – tail removed, sadly, by gangster (6)
9, 10 Ref let banter in game become subject of controversy? (6,8)
11 Sob quietly in front of flipping French girl's coded text (10)
12 A Farewell to Arms, just opened twice (2-2)
13 The woman's after a small child? Not this one! (6)
15 The FT's in party queen's hand (8)
18 Implements production of tinsel in America (8)
20 Skin care product? Spot's about gone! (6)
21 Small number to enter the Philippines, as the French request (1,1,1)
23 B----- large bed, I suspect – if so, you can make the other side! (10)
25 Former luvvie's job in sort of firm that's hard to please (8)
26 Become an expert in how a term's evolved? (6)
27 Monkey King, in Greek mythology (6)
28 Pays proper attention to details (8)

DOWN
2 Sort of secrets revealed in Monsters, Inc., each detailed crudely (9)
3 Catch hold of head of cobra (large snake) (5)
4 Rip up root, for mixing into a stew (9)
5 Ancient city in former British colony is not affected (7)
6 Doctor put in key order for memory device (2-3)
7 Form of investment providing one with credit (4,5)
8 Dispense a large amount to be taken orally (5)
14 Carefully selects journalists embracing new measure of resolution (4-5)
16 Reckless gambles involving a league that includes Rugby and Poole, we hear (4,5)
17 Soothing girlfriend of gangster that is found in e-books (9)
19 Laugh about German shorts' turn-up (7)
22 This shifted fencing by a fraction (5)
23 One who scored ecstasy (5)
24 Corridor in which Liverpool manager once stripped off (5)

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HUNT FOLLOWERS
ACOIRIPS
CYPRESS BUDGE
KRTIECO
SWORDLATERISER
ABESTT
WILDWESTJUDGES
ETISBCA
YEMENIBERKELEY
OCACTYO
IDRISELBAPREEN
CATHALLSK
KENNELS MOUNTIE
SCLAKETOR
HAREANDHOUNDS

JOTTER PAD