ACROSS
1 Personally present when card game begins? (2,5,4)
7, 28 Hospital blocks a medical screening? Refuse to go here! (3,3)
9 Gritty Scot (5)
10 Takes cover from birds' dropping (5,4)
11, 12 Doctor organises sales of toast (5,4,5)
13 Persuades others, perhaps, to accept the unknown (7)
15 Rather dull old poet from the east (4)
18 What sound may be out of (said to be in decline) (4)
20 He's rich so might provide prize (7)
23 Opposition starts to reform in vain after losing (5)
24 Bravest reveal such items of clothing (9)
26 Largely French (and Polish) campaign of WW1 (9)
27 It means around a hundred also, in short (5)
28 See 7
29 Crudely botched a test (minus 50% only!) (11)

DOWN
1 Spellbound little brothers go upstairs, asleep? (8)
2 Some steps outside an upper window (8)
3 What pay-day may do (5)
4 Old news that's mostly current! Unusual sign (7)
5 Defendant who's damned? Not right! (7)
6 Name a rude sign a teenager comprehends (9)
7 A hundred and fifty without a . . . . without a key (6)
8 Just a little house and hideaway (6)
14 Money maker requires some sort of normality (5,4)
16 Working farmers need one to obtain weapons (8)
17 Reluctant to house youngster who could be cleaner (8)
19 Vouchers issued when companies take over (7)
20 Established standard in drug, a painkiller (7)
21 Distressing time with smoke seen rising (6)
22 No igneous rock climbs in this mythical land (6)
25 What scouts may do about cycles, oddly (5)

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