

The Stickler Weekly 233 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 REPUTATION	Energy put into helping character (10)	(E + PUT) inside RATION
6 SPAR	Part of rigging a boxing contest (4)	Double Definition
9 STORM	Part of forecast or, maybe, violent weather (5)	forecaST OR Maybe
10 ALIGHTING	A feature of stage management is coming down (9)	A + LIGHTING
12 EPIDEMICS	Medic is unsettled after recording outbreaks of disease (9)	Anagram of MEDIC IS after EP
13 LATER	A little peripheral (a terminal) in the future (5)	peripheraL A TERminal
14 SPAM	Keeps track of returned and unwanted mail (4)	MAPS reversed
15 CONSTRUE	Prisoner's right to read (8)	CONS + TRUE
18 ON THE SLY	"Honestly" taken completely a different way? (2,3,3)	&lit; Anagram of HONESTLY
20 IRIS	One trimmed wax plant with showy flowers (4)	I + (RIS)E
24 ONSET	Start working as an actor (5)	Double Definition
25 CRIMPLENE	Writer occupied by language originally used in crime material (9)	[PEN outside (L)ANGUAGE] inside CRIME
26 SNAIL MAIL	Wild animal is attached to large, conventional post (5,4)	Anagram of ANIMAL IS + L
27 ULTRA	Radical one sacrificed in bizarre ritual (5)	Anagram of RITUAL minus I
28 SHED	Lose fragment right away (4)	SHRED minus R
29 REAPPEARED	Paper re-filed with auditors turned up again? (10)	Anagram of PAPER + EARED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RASHES	Skin problems are reportedly connected to remains (6)	R (sounds like) + ASHES
2 PHONIES	One wearing rings may be misleading people (7)	I inside PHONES
3 TEMPERAMENTAL	Harden a metal containing nitrogen that's volatile (13)	TEMPER + A + METAL outside N
4 THAT IS	Sit up holding hat, for example (4,2)	SIT reversed outside HAT
5 OMISSION	Leader from overseas calling for exclusion (8)	(O)VERSEAS + MISSION
7 PRINTER	Fast runner, missing the start, connected computer equipment (7)	(S)PRINTER
8 REGARDED	Noticed rose, for example, growing outside pruned garden (8)	RED outside GARDE(N)
11 HOLY SCRIPTURE	Representation of Christ purely about heart of God? (4,9)	&Lit; anagram of CHRIST PURELY outside G(O)D
16 COLOSSUS	Giant loss accepted by company linked with America (8)	LOSS inside (CO + US)
17 BLOCKADE	Barrier is secure in criminal quarter (8)	LOCK inside BAD + (E)ast
19 TO SPARE	Seaport shifted over and above what is required (2,5)	Anagram of SEAPORT
21 SHELTER	Security is transparently thin around vacant lot? (7)	SHEER outside L(o)T
22 FILLIP	Dose of medicine, if knocked back, could be a shot in the arm (6)	(PILL + IF) reversed
23 REWARD	Cheque writer picked up pay (6)	DRAWER reversed

