

The Stickler Weekly 186 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SPATCHCOCK	Prepared chicken area caught in big blow (10)	(PATCH + C) inside SOCK
6 SMUG	Complacent dentist may examine these using a mirror (4)	GUMS reversed
9 OLDER	Senior's computer directory not opening (5)	F(OLDER)
10 ABANDONED	Unrestrained and forward getting into a bed (9)	(AND + ON) inside A BED
12 SCRATCHING	Front of the chin, supported by the neck, is standing out (10)	[(T)HE + CHIN] inside SCRAG
13 OVA	Ingredients of pavlovas? (3)	pavLOVAs
15 CASING	Moulded object losing temperature outside (6)	CASTING minus T
16 SENTENCE	Life for one sent off, away from crime (8)	SENT + (OFFENCE minus OFF)
18 IN HEAVEN	Cast accommodated by hotel is overjoyed (2,6)	HEAVE inside INN
20 PLIANT	Adaptable derivative of iodine stored in factory (6)	I inside PLANT
23 TEA	Beverage and milk supplier finished early (3)	(TEA)T
24 SATURNALIA	Australian organised a period of unrestrained revelry (10)	Anagram of AUSTRALIAN
26 RETURNING	Tuner, rewired into circuit, is feeding back (9)	Anagram of TUNER inside RING
27 ELEMI	Extract from abele mixed with fragrant resin (5)	abeLE MIxed
28 SENT	Nitrogen in container of gel may be transported (4)	N inside SET
29 BENEFACTOR	Patron's been irritated by loud person on stage (10)	Anagram of BEEN + F + ACTOR

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SHOW	All pulled out of meaningless display (4)	SHALLOW minus ALL
2 ADDICTS	Enthusiasts did broadcast during performances (7)	Anagram of DID inside ACTS
3 CURTAIN RAISER	Dog trainer is excited about a preliminary event (7,6)	CUR + (anagram of TRAINER IS outside A)
4 CHANCE	Part of a church without large opening (6)	CHANCEL minus L
5 CLARINET	Instrument certainly not completely broken (8)	Anagram of (CERTAINL)Y
7 MONSOON	Wind on bearing inside satellite (7)	(ON + S) inside MOON
8 GODPARENTS	Sponsors do set up standard in public facility (10)	(DO reversed + PAR) inside GENTS
11 DIGITAL CAMERA	Archaeological site came into a trial prepared with photographic equipment (7,6)	DIG + (CAME inside anagram of A TRIAL)
14 SCRIPTURES	Confused priest's curate, going without, consumed religious writings (10)	Anagram of PRIESTS CURATE minus ATE
17 BESTRIDE	Favourite amusement park activity to get on (8)	BEST + RIDE
19 HEARTEN	Encourage judge to catch up (7)	HEAR + (NET reversed)
21 ALIMENT	Food - fruit - consumed by six-footer (7)	LIME inside ANT
22 BROGUE	Shoe's tongue (6)	Double Definition
25 PIER	Early type of spacecraft losing track of one landing site (4)	PIONEER minus ONE

