

The Stickler Weekly 268 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GRINGO	Foreigner's call made during work (6)	RING inside GO
4 PARTISAN	Prejudiced public hanging is taking place aboard vessel? (8)	(ART + IS) inside PAN
9 DISTINCTION	Special honour isn't misinterpreted in speech (11)	Anagram of ISNT inside DICTION
11 AIR	Trade show lacking fine exhibit (3)	FAIR minus F
12 OPERANT	Love shown by remarried parent is effective? (7)	O + anagram of PARENT
13 SEVERE	Cut last section of tombstone for grave (6)	SEVER + tombston(E)
15 HENCEFORTH	The French worried about nothing in the future (10)	Anagram of THE FRENCH outside O
17 COIF	Company provided a covering for the head (4)	CO + IF
20 RASP	File contents of folder as presented (4)	foldeR AS Presented
21 DIPHTHERIA	Depression hit her badly before a throat infection (10)	DIP + anagram of HIT HER + A
23 CLIMAX	Climb nearly across summit? (6)	(CLIM)b + (A+X)
24 NO DOUBT	Crime boss backed rigged bout for sure (2,5)	DON reversed + anagram of BOUT
27 DUE	Outstanding pair of performers finished early (3)	(DUE)t
28 TRANSFORMER	Track runners not needing one old innovator (11)	TRAINS minus I + FORMER
29 SERENADE	A nerd tangled with witness outside court (8)	SEE outside anagram of A NERD
30 SKITED	Australian boasted as kite dipped a little (6)	aS KITE dipped

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 GODMOTHER	Follow up millions donated by separate sponsor (9)	DOG reversed + M + OTHER
2 ISSUE	Bring out paper trimmed down one side (5)	t(ISSUE)
3 GRIMACED	Fearsome one died with contorted face (8)	GRIM + ACE + D
5 ACID	Bitter cold contracted by helper (4)	C inside AID
6 TINSEL	Showy decorations can sell once reduced (6)	TIN + (SEL)l
7 STAGE DOOR	Reception held by goers at new theatre's opening (5,4)	DO inside anagram of GOERS AT
8 NURSE	Hurry up and see contracted hospital worker (5)	RUN reversed + (SE)e
10 CATHOLIC	General at hospital in pain (8)	(AT + H) inside COLIC
14 ETCHINGS	Artist's impressions are ultimately things containing carbon (8)	ar(E) + (THINGS outside C)
16 NASHI PEAR	A vessel manoeuvred in close with exotic fruit (5,4)	(A + SHIP) inside NEAR
18 FLATTERED	Fine coffee and wine should be praised (9)	F + LATTE + RED
19 SHADDOCK	Had weed growing behind small citrus tree (8)	(HAD + DOCK) after S
22 HASTEN	Holds catch pulled back with bolt (6)	HAS + (NET reversed)
23 CODES	Everybody kept from changing so-called secret writings (5)	Anagram of SOCALLED minus ALL
25 UNMET	Not satisfied by extraordinary menu with starter of tuna (5)	Anagram of MENU + (T)una
26 HARD	Solid ring extracted from stockpile (4)	HOARD minus O

