

The Stickler Weekly 225 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CROSSBAR	1 Part of goal annoyed unit dealing with pressure (8)	1 CROSS + BAR
8 INDICATE	8 Small record company hosting jazz man's show (8)	8 CAT inside INDIE
10 SPARSE	10 Thin Pole wearing extra clothing (6)	10 S inside SPARE
11 ASSESSMENT	11 Tax benefit split by SS soldiers (10)	11 ASSET outside (SS + MEN)
12 BRAG	12 Card game traveller ultimately kept in suitcase (4)	12 TRAVELLE(R) inside BAG
13 HELIOTROPE	13 He returned to work with rope and bloodstone (10)	13 HE + (TOIL reversed) + ROPE
15 PRETEND	15 Claim head of personnel retired before termination (7)	15 (P)ERSONNEL + RET + END
16 PROPHET	16 Support the dishevelled forecaster (7)	16 PROP + anagram of THE
19 COMPOSTING	19 Standard used in future production of organic fertiliser (10)	19 POST inside COMING
21 RAPT	21 Totally absorbed, right, and quick to learn? (4)	21 R + APT
22 FALSE ALARM	22 Needless danger signal given off by aluminium gasket in plant (5,5)	22 (AL + SEAL) inside FARM
23 ELICIT	23 Bring out drug sanctioned by law (6)	23 E + LICIT
24 EXCUSE ME	24 Former copper missed initially in court's apology (6,2)	24 EX + CU + [(M)ISSED inside SEE]
25 LETTERED	25 Educated landlord hooked up with senior journalist (8)	25 LETTER + ED

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 REPAIRER	2 One who fixes dryer supplied by salesman (8)	2 REP + AIRER
3 STRAIGHT UP	3 Neat group that is in resort lacking nothing (8,2)	3 Anagram of GROUP THAT IS minus O
4 BREATHING SPACE	4 Each matter's quietly handled by couple for rest (9,5)	4 (EA + THINGS + P) inside BRACE
5 RISSOLE	5 Fried food is first to sell in function (7)	5 [IS + (S)ELL] inside ROLE
6 MADE DO	6 Coped with unbalanced piece of poetry on reflection (4,2)	6 MAD + (ODE reversed)
7 SENTIENT	7 Live broadcast that is not without heart (8)	7 SENT + IE + (NOT minus O)
9 DISCOURAGEMENT	9 Capital of Guinea shown in documentaries represented gloominess? (14)	9 (G)UINEA inside anagram of DOCUMENTARIES
14 REPERTOIRE	14 Collection of works about bold love and anger (10)	14 RE + PERT + O + IRE
15 PACIFIER	15 Opiate, say, provided by one entering racehorse (8)	15 (IF + I) inside PACER
17 EXPEDITE	17 Almost get rid of pass, taking time to assist (8)	17 (EXPE)L + (DIE outside T)
18 CITADEL	18 Name leader from Libya seen outside commercial stronghold (7)	18 [CITE + (L)IBYA] outside AD
20 MALICE	20 Man reduced parasites in bad blood (6)	20 (MA)N + LICE

