

The Stickler Weekly 188 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RESPONSIVE	Sympathetic person is treated by beastly doctor before the end (10)	Anagram of PERSON IS + (VE)T
6 SPED	A group of serious pedestrians moved quickly (4)	seriouS PEDEstrians
10 COUNTERPROPOSAL	Token support also ruined another plan (15)	COUNTER + PROP + anagram of ALSO
11 RIPEN	Mature inspector relocated with no cost involved (5)	Anagram of INSPECTOR minus COST
12 INFURIATE	Wearing a warm coat, I looked after stomach bug (9)	IN + FUR + I + ATE
13 SQUASHED	Female in team is flat out (8)	SHE in SQUAD
15 BOUGHT	Time backing branch paid off (6)	T after BOUGH
18 PIECES	Unusual species with no tail or segments (6)	Anagram of (SPECIE)S
19 BOOSTERS	Frightening cries cut short additional shots (8)	BOOS + (TERS)E
22 SCRAPBOOK	A lead spotted in small criminal's collection of cuttings (9)	(A + PB) inside (S + CROOK)
24 GNARL	Know-it-all finally called about swelling on trunk (5)	[KNOWITAL(L) + RANG] reversed
25 INCONSISTENCIES	Disagreements in nice sections unsettled head of security (15)	Anagram of IN NICE SECTIONS + (S)ECURITY
26 EASY	Tune a system's components requiring little effort (4)	tunE A SYstem
27 LEAD ASTRAY	Corrupt deal arranged, for instance, by carrier (4,6)	Anagram of DEAL + AS + TRAY

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RECORDS	Releases some wines plugged with cork mostly (7)	REDS outside (COR)K
2 SCULPTURE	Small amount of phosphorus found in a crop of microorganisms and mould (9)	S + P inside CULTURE
3 OFTEN	Foot is put in one in error regularly (5)	FT inside anagram of ONE
4 SPRAINED	Injured spy almost fell down (8)	(SP)Y + RAINED
5 VERIFY	Condition included in precise check (6)	IF inside VERY
7 PASTA	Ingredients of soup, a staple food (5)	souP A STAPle
8 DILUENT	Weakening agent backed cover tune with a new arrangement (7)	LID reversed + anagram of TUNE
9 SPARROWS	Small birds dispute scraps (8)	SPAR + ROWS
14 SWEEPING	Extensive sufferer's initial outpouring of grief (8)	(S)UFFERER + WEEPING
16 GRENADIER	Soldier that is in terrible danger, right? (9)	IE inside (anagram of DANGER + R)
17 POCKETED	Code kept in a decrypted state may be stolen (8)	Anagram of CODE KEPT
18 PASTIME	I am stuck in cement for amusement (7)	IM inside PASTE
20 SPLASHY	Ostentatious agent carrying whip (7)	SPY outside LASH
21 NOTICE	Spot no carbon in bond (6)	NO + C inside TIE
23 RACES	Lots of different people meet (5)	Double Definition
24 GENTS	Brokers not using a public facility (5)	AGENTS minus A

