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"EAST IN THE PM IS WEST"

-MILK

COMPETENT

empty

DELETED

PLATE

ACROSS

DOWN

CRACKLE

TECTENT

SCAR

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Put off by bulb being frothy (6)
4 Novel is copied and serialised (8)
10 Having the skills to vie with nut cases (9)
11 Few saw a ship covered in water (5)
12 Narrow opening to secure less uneven returns (4)
13 Sir said frock or sleepwear? (10)
15 Fall asleep when told the money's rotten (4,3)
16 Punch airhead in the belly (6)
19 Remove stigma related to this tyrant? (6)
21 Overacting cannot cause vertigo (7)
23 Knitted yet pearled, again and again (10)
25 Sit around drunk at the end of the sketch (4)
27 Flat piece of fish (5)
28 Role could burn actor's audience (9)
29 Have to get her as a team (8)
30 Ruddy floor! Horrid edges! (6)

- 1 Behind support team (8)
2 Tropical grasses will utterly confuse (9)
3 Flee feast in the evening with the dregs (4)
5 Favourite place to buy fish say (3,4)
6 Be a sentinel in the bleachers? (5,5)
7 Sir Francis is a middle-order tool (5)
8 Cost covers half an hour with the other comper (2-4)
9 Contradict faith's first tenet (6)
14 Commercial site not vacant? Be smug! (10)
17 One of eleven who collect noisy insects? (9)
18 Perhaps boxer tried dancing when exhausted (3-5)
20 Syrup by the litre, a clever investment (7)
21 A fraction tasteless (6)
22 Casual professor, it seems, makes a financial gain (6)
24 Papa phoned after the bingle (5)

Cicadas CRICKETTES

Belief

THEATRE
PLAYTEED

Relegated

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