

Sacked! Solution

The theme [16 Pt 1] is PRESENTS. Sacked! Refers to Santa's sack

Across

- 9 At last skinned without exception (2,3)
FINALLY
- 10 16 Part 1, like Sunderland (9)
UNDERWEAR (Ref River Wear)
- 11 16 Part 1 is sheik - an abomination (7)
HANKIES Anag SHEIK AN
- 12 Spooner's score with Whishaw is where to trap studs (7) BULL PEN (Sponer revs first letters PULL BEN (as I'm sure we'd all like to!))
- 13 16 Part 1, famous clown holding hophead departed (9) C(H)OCO + LATE
- 15 Hear little 13's as tight as possible (5)
CHOCK (homophone CHOC)
- 16 Noel's hilarity at 10,11,13,20,24,26, or 27 (7,8) Play PRESENT LAUGHTER (Noel Coward)
- 20 Cartoonist lost his last 16 Part 1 (5)
SCARF(e)
- 22 Forces sweethearts to fit wider bras (3-6)
Anag WIDER BRAS
- 23 Assign value to lay eggs (7) Anag. VALUE TO
- 24 16 Part 1 through rage (7) PER + FUME
- 26 Gent gets kit off, mostly aroused by 16 Pt 1 (4,5) Anag. GENT + KIT OF(f)
- 27 Loesser women have 16 Pt 1s (5) Ref GUYS and DOLLS by Frank Loesser
- 2 French for aurora (4) Ref Dawn French DAWN
- 3 A-levels in *Oresteia* cover scene of tragedy (8) Hidden levELS IN OREsteia
- 4 Exposes fair cheat (8) OUTS + MART
- 5 Making people salivate, I bleed horribly (6)
Anag I BLEED
- 6 Funny romp outrages London's intellectual circles starting play (6) First letters F – R – O – L – I – C
- 7 Cheered by the ocean, though inveterate (4-6) Charade
- 8 Honest-sounding composer (6)
Homophone FRANK/FRANCK
- 14 Noted comedy works with nude leading actor (5,5) OPERA + BUFF + A
- 17 14 Part 1 with tin drill is poison (8) Anag. OPERA + TIN ATROPINE
- 18 Get Durer to draw woman of 3 (8) Anag. GET DURER
- 19 Relax - playful teases detained by rocky outcrops (4,4) R[anag TEASES]Y REST EASY
- 20 Cake smell in the Home Counties (6)
- 21 Obligation to make sense at the start in conversation (6) Homophone FEEL + TEE FEALTY
- 22 Ruins noise of rabbit (6) Homophone REX/WRECKS
- 25 On the way back, tail gunner seizes fruit (4) Rev hidden UGLI

Down

- 1 Drink on the head (8) Double definition NIGHTCAP

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