The Stickler Weekly 262 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SIGNAL	Communicate with head of Ladbrokes chasing ill- gotten gains (6)	(L)ADBROKES after anagram of GAINS
4 ENTITLED	Privileged one, occupying tent in disguise, went first (8)	I inside anagram of TENT + LED
9 LAUNDER	Left a junior to deal with pressing matters, say (7)	L + A + UNDER
11 TWEETER	Watts handled by rock speaker (7)	W inside TEETER
12 SEMICONDUCTOR	Cheat entering customer ID reset computer component (13)	CON inside anagram of CUSTOMER ID
14 IN TRIM	Fit caretaker lacking energy (2,4)	INTERIM minus E
15 STICKLER	Setter's primary puzzle? (8)	(S)ETTER + TICKLER
18 CODE-NAME	Show up outside hide-out with a secret identity (4-4)	COME outside (DEN + A)
20 FLOCKS	Fine hair gathers (6)	F + LOCKS
23 ADIPOSE TISSUE	A deposit roughly associated with supply? (7,6)	Anagram of A DEPOSIT + ISSUE
26 HARVEST	Owners checking right time to pick (7)	HAVES outside R + T
27 PEASANT	Countryman left out of welcome (7)	PLEASANT minus L
28 CAMISOLE	Am I only after one piece of celebrity's underwear? (8)	(AM + I + SOLE) after (C)ELEBRITY
29 TEASER	Problem with facility in centre of Montreal (6)	EASE inside MON(TR)EAL

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SALES PITCH	This place rocked after Sting's opening line (5,5)	Anagram of THIS PLACE after (S)TING
2 GOURMET	Large serving of pumpkin, say, satisfied connoisseur (7)	(GOUR)D + MET
3 ABDUCTION	Carrying off empty bed offered in sale? (9)	B(e)D inside AUCTION
5 NOT QUITE	Retire in possession of money? Hardly (3,5)	QUIT inside NOTE
6 INERT	A section sliced from infected retina is unresponsive (5)	Anagram of (RETINA minus A)
7 LATERAL	Side is after a front-runner from Liverpool? (7)	LATER + A + (L)IVERPOOL
8 DARK	Section of radar kept unlit (4)	raDAR Kept
10 RUNG	Supervise building's last step (4)	RUN + BUILDIN(G)
13 PROSPECTOR	Miner, say, supporting parking in a designated area (10)	PRO + (P inside SECTOR)
16 CULTIVATE	Radical group that is taking tank to work (9)	(CULT + IE) outside VAT
17 IMMORTAL	Unforgettable time spent in base (8)	T inside IMMORAL
19 DIAGRAM	Location of the Taj Mahal seen in ill-defined illustration (7)	AGRA inside DIM
21 CO-STARS	Leads are not totally included in expenses (2-5)	(AR)E inside COSTS
22 HEMP	Fibre that makes rope's edging soft (4)	HEM + P
24 IDEAS	Nut products from capital of Alexandria in Roman times? (5)	(A)LEXANDRIA inside IDES
25 CHIC	Smart cards have integrated circuits primarily (4)	(C)ARDS (H)AVE + (I)NTEGRATED + (C)IRCUITS

