Crossword 15,680 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Lock up in box, care taken moving around inside (11)
2 Not entirely occupied, passenger vehicle (3)
3 Grip affected, nail finally secured (5)
4 A law accompanying Queen, great leader (9)
5 Area unseen behind lorry is notably difficult, initially, to see (5,4)
6 Heart, perhaps, that’s stopped? (5)
7 Singer set about Mozart’s first quaver (7)
8 Cook too much fish (4)
9 A lot of money is mine! (4)
10 Primarily blaming bank, one getting things mixed up (7)
11 Sound call for massage (5)
12 “Knackered hug slot” – it is bedtime! (6-3)
13 Check and state oath (9)
14 English taking apart absurd Nazi state (5)
15 Don’t open dress – it’s private! (3)
16 Thick actors getting put out (9)
17 A lovely outstanding day to tick off (8)
18 There’s little time to get into needlework, note (8)
19 Ring home, Italy, as Italian composer (7)
20 Flowering plant, variant of a big one (7)
21 Hurry off in a minute (shortly) to collect child (6)
22 Found in hoover, minute mice perhaps? (6)
23 Loveless editor, hopelessly exhausted (5)

DOWN
1 In Caribbean location, extremes of temperature required to keep warm (8)
2 Wine boxes in for a member of the orchestra (8)
3 Express has to criticise one’s papers (5)
4 Old enough, for instance (7)
5 Development in space, it is free of contamination (7)
6 Explain, as complicated (9)
7 Rat that shouldn’t go in an omelette! (3,3)
8 March, perhaps – or jump (6)
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