CROSSWORD
No. 15,905 Set by ARMONIE

ACROSS
1 Quarter fruit in a dignified way (6)
4 Charles ruled and had a laugh (8)
9 Composer holds accountant is mysterious (6)
10 Searches for drink with Mike a long time (8)
12 Find fault with food fish (4)
13 Moving missive means nothing to landlord (4,6)
15 Parmesan's not unusual in Paris (12)
18 Game Chinese gangs put together – they fix locks (7,5)
21 Genuine couple's real estate (10)
22 Satisfactory penalty (4)
24 Making an erotic collage (8)
25 Sissy departed after officer's hostility (6)
26 Film director makes a hit about southern Spain (8)
27 Scold daughter for being clever (6)

DOWN
1 I don’t know saucy maiden in court (6,2)
2 Set of beliefs developed on credit (8)
3 Shelter oriental caught in explosive situation (4)
5 Craftsman is to take in rope (5,7)
6 Writer settled in advance to make amends (10)
7 The French have opening for ambassador (6)
8 Rested awkwardly in place of solitude (6)
11 Company man gets family members in associations (12)
14 Record allowed set-up to adopt gold embellishments on uniform (10)
16 Imagine vines that are twisted with maturity (8)
17 Rose, like Charlie, has finished (8)
19 Areas for small steps (6)
20 Shown the way in, as well, in Spain (6)
23 Officer's hard weapon (4)