The across solutions are thematic and their clues lack thematic definitions

ACROSS
1 How could I be Doc? (6)
4 Confused college student dismissed legend (8)
9 Hare's partner's swapping notes (6)
10 Gloomy gold returned (8)
12 Cornwall – I first managed clubs, say (8)
13 Poor Ann left Leningrad in a whirl (6)
15 Singular clothing article (4)
16 Demanding, swapping partners around five (6,4)
19 Charles Aznavour first has to arrange part-song (5,5)
20 Some exact likeness reflected (4)
23 Black family in team (6)
25 Minor error with some of the personnel (8)
27 Old county town's corgi (8)
28 Stardust persona holding court, finally (3,3)
29 I waited outside as daughter left (8)
30 Gives details of legal instructions (6)

DOWN
1 Act as minder for a small charge? (7)
2 The German campanologist's short arm (9)
3 Section of a will for Santa, we're told (6)
5 They are, originally, unknowns from outer space (4)
6 Light and dark blue cattle crossing (8)
7 Walk three yards regularly (5)
8 This competitor is running in the race after all (7)
11 Violent, dry wind, haze, some rain and finally a lull (7)
14 Private Investigator purloined gold coin (7)
17 Record in Crete possibly a focal point (9)
18 Casually pop in with her to dance (8)
19 Square all round young animal I don't quite sedate (7)
21 Frilly attachments are awfully tasteless – no note included (7)
22 He's paid for working in former Middle Eastern union. It's an outrage (6)
24 Unanswerable Buddhist question about religious leader in Holy Book (5)
26 From Amritsar, an Indian princess (4)

Solution 15,870

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FATHOM
NIGHTCAP
OWA
REGRET
ACAPULCO
ETIN
POSYV
MAELSTROM
COPSE
OA
OPOSR
SIMPLEFRACTION
TICIR
CSMPSTED
HEALTH
GDRMBRA
REVIEW
ALLIGATOR
ARAREDL
PARADIGMCAMERA
PSETIPCD
ABERRANT
THEORY
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