CROSSWORD
No. 15,861 Set by GOLIATH

ACROSS
1, 26 Comeuppance here as peckers down? (3,8,4,4,4,2,5)
9 Lift with spinner remarkably unapprehensive? (7)
10 That would put Dubrovnik down for divorce (5,2)
11 Towel round hooter (5)
12 Choice includes time for surgery (9)
13 Tanned and sent down having changed sides (3-6)
15 Topic those people finally raise (5)
16 See baby without the presence of a pressure group (5)
18 A patriot upset by love for vegetable (3,6)
20 Dispatching other half of uncovered Medicis iron axe due to be returned (9)
23 Mum finally in a hairstyle that could be a deterrent (1-4)
24 Composer somewhat cross initially (7)
25 Music genre that’s still around as world war starts to recede (3,4)

DOWN
1 Artist’s fancy couture a sell-out (8-7)
2 Musk used by eastern church is rank (7)
3 Well or nearly ill in selfless advice to physician (9)
4 Socialist constrained by firm principles (5)
5 T’cockney? (4,5)
6 Steps in sauce (5)
7 On the back of awful tirades (7)
8 Anticipate covering even half botched nose job regardless of cost (7,2,6)
14 This form of Islam isn’t tyranny (9)
15 Conflict to recover old Jerusalem as initiated by Sadat (6,3)
17 Flower (around two seconds) (7)
19 Green party not quite as vocal to begin with (7)
21 Taking flower to hospital said to be lucky (5)
22 Young partner and artist (5)

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