Crossword 15,850 Set by Redshank

ACROSS
1 Carriage returns here for kind author (10)
6 Start to guzzle Polish food (4)
9 Tract of grassland left ploughed (7)
10 Thorough training of pathfinder gets this far (2-5)
12 Soldier with truck advanced across cold continent (10)
13 Popular northern flower (3)
15 Developed in Peru but not yet edible (6)
16 Carpet expert cuts hand (8)
18 Homogeneous round baked food in pan (2,1,5)
20 Show or hide rocks at bottom of mountain? (6)
23 Husband loves taking lead? How exciting! (3)
24 Like Shakespearean fool’s appalling old microphone (10)
26 Arid wind leads palms to shrink (7)
27 Top seed stupid to ignore length with racket (7)
28 What’s left after Potus loses his head? (4)
29 A car with good quote has to be withdrawn, sorry (10)

DOWN
1 Large bird boxes lean over (4)
2 Woodworker collects new diary (7)
3 We recruited nursing apprentices with good equipment (4-9)
4 It can’t hurt – it’s not broken (6)
5 Spain allowed journalist to be brought out (8)
7 Dummy keepsake a priest nicked (7)
8 Bum worker in debt (10)
11 How to establish one’s position on deck reading novel (4,9)
14 Untidy, like monks with unacceptable habits? (3,2,5)
17 Manage to gather jam at college (6,2)
19 Bloke lives in hole in the wall, showing disbelief (7)
21 In Israel it is typically highbrow (7)
22 Prompt old archbishop is on his way up (6)
25 Go down to the audience together in this (4)

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