Crossword 15,826 Set by Rosa Klebb

ACROSS
1 Rejected informal agreement to confine boy when hormones rage (7)
5 Taking most unfavourable view of opener, conclusively stumped on a pair (2,5)
9 Clubs withdrawing from rubbish game (5)
10 British weather starts to irritate absurdly nervy Slav (9)
11 Arousal of nude vegan not required (9)
12 Ultimately amateurs, you useless English samurai make Japanese scoff (5)
13 Brit errs, relinquishing rights for morsels of food (5)
15 Dependence Day, in a manner of speaking (9)
18 Typical example of drug ingested by Norman? (9)
19 Eagerly welcome LaMotta, discontented young boxer? (3,2)
21 Rent place on Adriatic (5)
23 Try to jump over bar in eastern European wine cellar (4,5)
25 Closest relation of wild fox in Kent (4,2,3)
26 Large amount of revolting gas inside of Ada (2,3)
27 Spice from island in French north-east (7)
28 Lousy MP to mask overwhelming evidence of something wrong (7)

DOWN
1 Expert urbanely concealing disquiet (7)
2 Pomposous BBC aims to change (9)
3 Poem of Frost read aloud (5)
4 Fancy any old guy or girl (5,4)
5 Extremely alcoholic free bitter! (5)
6 Capricious male thus pursuing wife, a student (9)
7 Demolishes Freudianism on a regular basis (5)
8 It causes butterflies in nets to flap, taking in oxygen (7)
14 Refuse to eat tiny tot's last vegetable (9)
16 Houses large number comfortably in empty garages (9)
17 Reckless rogue with dirty books (9)
18 As one, enthralled by cranes flying (7)
20 Kitty's on barricade in German city (7)
22 Set about turning 60 in a relaxed way (5)
23 People on vacation knocking back fine English tea (5)
24 Rancour in van, missing an M1 turning (5)

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