CROSSWORD
No. 15,980 Set by REDSHANK

ACROSS
1 Flexible accessory releasing workers on time (6)
4 A distress call brings in top firefighter (8)
10 Top director sacking four (7)
11 Religious group's Oedipus complex (4,3)
12 Bouncer beginning to make space (4)
13 Like ball gowns and some balls (4-6)
16 Horrible bear caught (6)
17 Big bird left one clutching nut? On the contrary (7)
20 Faint, swallowing green drink (4,3)
21 Frank's auxiliaries also in police (6)
24 Method when grilling star on air with discretion (3,7)
25 Herb avoids middle one of four bars at Lord's (4)
27 Black and white bust commands college entrance (7)
29 Very old soldier owns new company in Paris (7)
30 Travel round Spain with this writer to test some maths (8)
31 Guard who's maybe boxed first of several competitors (6)

DOWN
1 Lowest fare always for poet in coach (8)
2 Groom roped in mate to be best man? (11)
3 Large rotund regulars ignored forte (4)

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