Crossword 15,501 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Hood being worn in sleeveless coat (6)
4 Brief shorts with tight top entering county (3,5)
9 Cooking pot, one degree tops (6)
10 Church circle upset with a Lutheran at first (8)
12 Troublesome situation in the country for son of Jacob (8)
13 Highlander bearing right behind English companion (6)
15 One entering race total (4)
16 Essentials second among loads of underwear? (5,5)
19 Is it I? It is I! That’s it! (10)
20 Pull tie (4)
23 Catch husband, perhaps, endlessly lying around (6)
25 I’m jumping into guano, minor ego repelled (8)
27 Stewed lamb with tuna on the move! (8)
28 Leave wet clothes entirely clean, initially (6)
29 Nitrogen and oxygen in freezing drug (8)
30 Behind police, eggs thrown over shooter (6)

DOWN
1 Threaten to collect runs, except for opener (7)
2 Possible brew in teapot beginning to leak (9)
3 Australian native miners on strike (6)
5 Heading off, Venetian traveller touring southern European city (4)
6 Sponge where jumper located, perhaps? (8)
7 Chip ends in pan, salsa and garlic, fish too (5)
8 Cooks bagging fifty honours (7)
11 Track south of constellation, source of reference (7)
14 Is mother in Hades not entirely a patriarch? (7)
17 Tissue, article used to catch a germ, primarily (9)
18 Sunken design inside label on upside-down painting (8)
19 Man drinking wine in the early hours (3-4)
21 Wife riding kangaroo perhaps, great story! (7)
22 Stick together, chap having broken heart (6)
24 Save up sovereign for potato (5)
26 Rival testament in mail, case dismissed (4)

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