Crossword 15,477 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Prisoner taking bait showing disrespect (8)
5 Number of horses on solid ground (6)
9 Excellent work with recollection of hundred bagged by test cricket's hardworking openers (3-5)
10 Other ranks in service giving ground (6)
11 Stand-out image in amateur boxing record, gold-plated (8)
12 Humorous trousers beginning to chafe for hurdler, perhaps? (6)
14 Fashionable bears in trousers (3-7)
18 Orchestra member rarely is after a drink (sounded drunk) (3,7)
22 Bird circling lake, quail (6)
23 A resilience about one being hopeful (8)
24 Foundation taking payment back in (6)
25 Cooler time for hot breakfast? (8)
26 Some concrete ideas rejected, as fat loser (6)
27 Help to turn around end of tiresome day (8)

DOWN
1 Girl touring Chilean capital, memorable (6)
2 National alpine resort (6)
3 A person upset, I hate that! Stop it! (6)
4 Gather a flower, say, for East Indian food (10)
6 Principally, outrageous cuts finished comprehensive (8)
7 Drunk back late – it's the drink (5,3)
8 Writer in Cervantes, say, is talismanic (8)
13 Retailer has a job bagging satin pants (5,5)
15 Non-English promoted sides financially fail supporter (8)
16 A suit held up by Japanese staple, clever trick (8)
17 Still popular, concert leader in uplifting musical (8)
19 Newspaper copy (6)
20 Toy instrument (6)
21 Settled on old houses (6)

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