Crossword 15,447 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Cushion regularly found on back of beds (6)
2 Swimmer getting trim doing the backstroke? Then exhausting! (8)
3 A free woman in the family (6)
4 Light breeze’s ultimate wind say (4)
5 French author’s close to litigious in ribaldry (8)
6 Ring round wild ape, circling Antipodean primate (10)
7 Syrian city bitter, power doubly offensive, primarily (6)
8 Walk away from dry land (6)
9 Double trouble around people almost despairing over Greek capital (12)
10 Kid returns dressed in petticoat (10)
11 I offer nothing beyond lust primarily – that’s the urge (6)
12 Initial move unconcealed, virgin having lost head (8)
13 Bum smell in outskirts of Stevenage (6)

DOWN
1 ET getting kiss finally, then a quickie (8)
2 Done with it, searched clothes (8)
3 Issue the enemy brought up? (4)
4 Elected, a Conservative minister likely to be eviscerated wrongly (12)
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10 Bond, man in tortured Adonis (8)
11 Tree, rotten affair, did you say? (8)
12 Second in reserve, rarely seen (6)
13 Weed was invading my patio, initially (4)

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