ACROSS
1 Very blue swan with a high voice (6)
4 Oxford difficult to get into? Try this (8)
9 Old foreign coin embedded in a vegetable (6)
10 League match (8)
12 Composer has part played back for a single-minded man (8)
13 Shrub that's evergreen – but not hardy we hear! (6)
15 Finish playing one's part (4)
16 Is the Saint perplexed? Quite the opposite! (10)
19 Maybe Rumania's about to become a health resort (10)
20 Part of the arm that is somewhat painful, naturally (4)
23 Fair comment? (3,3)
25 Source of milk may provide us with energy (8)
27 Article probing song on a curse (8)
28 Seats lost so need to be replaced (6)
29 Negligent hit-and-run? (8)
30 Beastly slow Holst's composition? (6)

DOWN
1 Sailor in unusual place is effective (7)
2 Once bit is broken, it makes two pieces (9)
3 A character in literature? (6)
5 Horribly heartless, yet pure in heart (4)
6 Inscriptions not the happiest – yet they could be (8)

SOLUTION 15,496

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