CROSSWORD
No. 15,653 Set by ALBERICH

ACROSS
1 Possibly the best part of Rheingold? Note, Wagner wrote it (9)
6 Lizard Point's 100 kilometres into journey (5)
9 Remove skin from mottled fruit (5)
10 Gut clenching one gets close to terror – it's a mad axeman! (9)
11 Chance to receive Oscar for a Western (10)
12 Choice of extremes for drunk idiot (4)
14 Revile women having vacated assembly line (7)
15 Hero's beloved captain conceals name (7)
16 Head accepts new job? I haven't the foggiest! (4,3,2)
18 Figure suffering not unknown after Christmas period (7)
21 Setter's gone for adult version of cricket? (5)
23 Rather large mushroom (5)
24 Alfred regularly follows Saint Peter (4)

DOWN
1 Upset about everything, that's plain (5)
2 False piety or holiness common primarily for him? (9)
3 Holding pin, René repaired left loafer (4-2-4)

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STRIPLIGHT
EDAIOLA
RACECOVERPOINT
CAREROV
CHILLYTHIRDMAN
IMEHS
INCREASEHASP
ELGBO
PEEPADAPATIVE
RRBMIL
FOREGONEMALICE
TSTAIA
EISENOWERPLLOT
CNEAAEU
FASTROYALFLUSH