

Loplop Cryptic #015 [15x]

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Across

- 1 Pick up and wander after little rascalion (7) **IMPROVE**. IMP + ROVE
- 5 Legendary hero of these United States (7) **THESEUS**. THESE + US
- 9 North Carolinian leatherworking? (3,4) **TAR HEEL**. (LEATHER)*
- 10 Gushed very loudly (hardly new!) after the finale (7) **EFFUSED**. E + FF + USED
- 11 Around 59, senior regularly gets medicinal brew (6) **ELIXIR**. LIX inserted in sEnIoR
- 12 Picking up pace is wise for our time? (5,3) **SPACE** AGE. S(PACE)AGE
- 14 Sculpt nose as much as you need - nothing fancy (2-8) **NO-NONSENSE**. NOSE letter bank
- 15 Bachelor sending back fine sirloin, say (4) **BEEF**. B + (FEE)<
- 18 Dairy product from that guy in Wyoming (4) **WHEY**. W(HE)Y
- 20 Carp vendor in discussions for a climate controlled room (4,6) **WINE CELLAR**. "whine seller"
- 23 Quick-tempered person to drop some bars (8) **SPITFIRE**. Double definition
- 24 Dumpling flipped sometime later (6) **WONTON**. (NOT NOW)<

- 26 Medium chunk of limpsy chicken (7) **PSYCHIC**. liPSY CHICKen
- 27 Not working and making bread? (7) **LOAFING**. Double definition
- 28 Streetcar's last two paths head back from depot (7) **ARSENAL**. [streetc]AR + (LANES)<
- 29 Warm peat being dug into by that woman in retirement (7) **PREHEAT**. PEAT containing (HER)<

Down

- 1 Aware immediately following kitchen disaster cutting slice of chorizo (2,3,4) **IN THE KNOW**. (KIT[c]HEN)* + NOW
- 2 Part of Spooner's seaside wordplay (7) **PORTION**. "shore" ≈ "pun"
- 3 Love a place for sex that is naughtiest on vacation with submissive (8) **OBEDIENT**. O + BED + IE + N[au]ghties]T
- 4 Fishes' endless slumber, upside down (4) **EELS**. (SLEE[p])<
- 5 Offended, worried, losing head... needing to slide in hot tub (10) **TRESPASSED**. [s]TRESSED containing SPA
- 6 Curse euphemistically at beginners for English cricket team's result (6) **EFFECT**. EFF + E[n]glish] C[ricket] T[eam]
- 7 Bolted the wrong way, into sensei's extremely deficient trap (7) **ENSNARE**. (RAN)< inserted in [s]ENSE[i]
- 8 Slide obliquely! (5) **SIDLE**. (SLIDE)* (&lit)
- 13 Volatile coal price overwhelms leader of representatives on both sides (10) **RECIPROCAL**. (COAL PRICE)* containing R[epresentatives]
- 16 Torn asunder in battle for almost half a month (9) **FORTNIGHT**. (TORN)* inserted in FIGHT
- 17 Article featured in worldly French newspaper is something to make a stand for? (8) **LEMONADE**. LEMON(A)DE
- 19 After an expression of hesitation, in agreement with furious women? (7) **ERINYES**. ER + IN + YES
- 21 Top story interrupted the middle of bulletin from network (7) **LATTICE**. ATTIC inserted in [bul]LE[ti]n]
- 22 Originally, George Ho bored a groupie with knitting project (6) **AFGHAN**. G[eorge] H[o] inserted in A FAN
- 23 Common cuttlefish and couple of pikes in ocean (5) **SEPIA**. SE(PI[kes])A
- 25 Buddies heading upstairs for bash (4) **SLAP**. (PALs)<