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Across

- 1 Velocity of a Perseid on the move (8)
- 7 Bear not accepted in tree (4)
- Senior nursing officer as police informer
 (5)
- **12** Take escape vent with circle for start of upward little plant part (7)
- **13** Celebration that is curiously canonised, say (12, 2 words)
- 16 Please reply briefly, returning first of pages very soon after receipt initially (4)
- 17 In Glasgow to shrink, cut back old cord skirt (9)
- 18 Crowning glory set in permafrost (4)
- 20 Fashionable life force with a hint of charm (4)
- 22 Horribly gory drunken revel (4)
- 23 Cuckoos trimmed parsley plant (4)
- **25** An idiot admitting beginnings of practical rather inappropriate little joke (9, 2 words)
- 26 Oddly rougher region of Germany (4)
- **30** Christmas treat, produced by trendy bar in a fashion (12, 2 words)
- **31** Japanese art, or magic, almost, making a comeback on island (7)

Down

- 1 Regularly at sea paddling originally as fast as one can in short (4)
- **2** Guarantor's fashionable society practice by right (7)
- 3 Mythical bird, monarch and seat a swaying one (12, 2 words)
- 4 Fatty cells revealed by tissue transfer (4)
- **5** Former Russian measure of length very disregarded (4)
- 6 Proverbially dead rotten iron loads (9)
- 8 Doubtfully I hold coolest emblem of loyalties shown by former Etonians to each other (for example) (12, 3 words)
- 9 Abandon holidays (5)
- **10** One playact in disorder is not characteristic (8)
- 14 Tone down and cunningly fade plots (9, 2 words)
- 15 Fierce animal's raised combed fibre (4)
- 17 Young songster, affectedly shy embracing returning liveliness and bit of hilarity (8)
- **19** Uncommon river measurement unit (4)
- 21 Strangely mossier compounds (7)
- 24 Agate possibly, turning up as a receptacle initially with drink (5)

- Regularly gaudier old Latin American instrument (5)
- Measure enclosed place (4)
- Curiously essential not originally ideal quality of arriving after time (8)
- 27 Apocryphal book with no time for funeral ceremonies (4)
- Crazy returning stupefying blow (4)
- Rejected painful sexual desire (4)