Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS
1. Fantasy creature in dream I’m entertaining (7)
5. Bridges have fasteners on backwards (5)
9. Remove head of, allowing for hysterics (7)
10. Let’s eat stew in Frazier’s home town (7)
11. Loops back south-east before long (7)
12. Cut a nail apart in the manner of seamen (8)
13. Boat trip is a bargain, I’m told (4)
14. Madly licked pots and stored away (10)
18. Isle, though primitive, has watchtower (10)
19. Half dozen gains one, loses first, and comes out the same (4)
22. Bandage slips around one during playful banter (8)
24. Adaptable part holds retractable claw (6)
26. Cover holds free weapon for Neptune (7)
27. With a pant, hero hides from wild beast (7)
28. Deteriorates from bit of salt in grooves (5)
29. Nut found around Long Island for sea bird (7)

DOWN
1. Teaching guys to play bells (9)
2. Brings up children giving encouragement first off (7)
3. Natural gains discovered in kelp (4)
4. Parties get first spaces (9)
5. Street painting promotes new businesses (5-3)
6. Can’t I juggle for a fantastic act? (5)
7. Covered for and put letters in order (7)
8. Bathing suits in travel cases (6)
15. Although Tupperware container was first visualized (7,2)
16. ’Til Heaven created the whale! (9)
17. Vocalists take time for cocktails (8)
18. Toss rest over crustacean (7)
20. Wilderness character (6)
21. Initially, crack let in noise in cement hospital (6)
23. Deluge’s first tears lead to slow leaks (5)
25. Precious stone in ring given to friend (4)

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