ACROSS
1. Nom de plume (model pun adjusted [anag.] = NOMDE PLU; me = ME; pen name = definition)
7. Cafe (unfamiliar face [anag.]; coffee house = def.)
9. Versifier (Fie! I serve terrible [anag.]; lyricist = def.)
10. English (2 meanings)
12. Lecture (break rule, etc. [anag.]; talk = def.)
13. Raconteur (witty storyteller = def.; right = R; silly Nature Co. = ACONTEUR)
15. Slate (first of speakers = S; behind = LATE; schedule = def.)
16. Savored (raved so wildly [anag.]; (thoroughly enjoyed = def.)
22. Execs (fed[t]astic; insert = hidden word indicator)
23. Trappings (return = reversal indicator; piece = part = TRAP; brooch = PIN; tips of [g]old, [s]ilver = GS; ornaments = def.)
26. Initial (excitedly / nail it [anag.]; first = def.)
27. Pungent (caustic = def.; humorous use of words = PUN; dapper fellow = GENT)
29. Alignment (torn ligament [anag.]; holds [container]; new = N; hence ALIGN[MENT]; adjustment = def.)
30. Dons (English professors = def.; put on = DON; first of [s]eminars = S)
31. Penetrated (quill = PEN; treated badly = ETRATED; grasped = def.)

DOWN
1. Novelist (author = def.; back on = NO [reversal]; volume = V; E= E; register = LIST)
2. Moroccan (order room = MORO [anag.]; $100 = C; allowed = CAN; book binding = def.)
3. Epicures (pie mix = EPI [anag.]; relieves = CURES; gourmets = def.)
4. Loiter (hang around = def.; restless toiler [anag.])
5. Mire (besmirch = def.; initial [m]eanness = M; anger = IRE)
6. Hamlet (showy performer = HAM; allowed = LET; great part = def.)
7. Ease up (pl[EASE UP]holster; interior = hidden word; let out = def.)
8. Noose (rope = def.; ring = O; in [container indicator]; hence no[O]ose)
10. Among (surrounded by = def.; one = A; mile = M; circle = O; no = N; good = G)
11. Alien (a = A; legal charge = LIEN; non-citizen = def.)
12. Designer (editor = ed, comes back = reversal, hence DE; reigns disastrous = SIGNER [anag.]; artist = def.)
13. Penitent (writer = PEN; a = I; temporary shelter = TENT; remorseful = def.)
14. Isolated (one = I; very = SO; tardy = LATE; daughter = D; deserted = def.)
15. Ground (great = G; spherical = ROUND; Earth = def.)
16. Paging (2 meanings)
17. Simile (expression = SMILE; contains [container indicator]; a = I; hence: s[IM]ILE; literary comparison = def.)
18. Tale (listen to end = tail [homophone]; story = def.)