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## ACROSS

1 Dig by border town finding nothing for one year? A piece of nonsense! (11)
7 Not initially generous: grasping later, to say the least $(3,4,4)$
13 Gold only lines quiet resting-place (9)
14 Rough port, not old, finally ready (7)
15 Extent of ingenuity, holding diamonds and hearts (5)
16 Character's essence about to appear in article $(2,4)$
17 Go on platforms, getting feet right (8)
18 Element of blame attached to trafficker, ultimately, with heroin (7)
20 Those at one extreme without exception grow and grow into work ( $4,4,4,4,4$ )
23 Set off to chuck bird (7)
24 Our people back film (7)
26 Poles separately wasted by homesickness and pain (7)

28 Spy creature found by baker, heading off (4)
29 Shabby act agreed to be wrong (3-5)
32 This taken by first girl to tour ancient sea $(4,5)$
35 Grimace with mouth, receiving small cheese (9)
36 Pictured with Listener in close up $(4,4)$
37 Maybe guilty in principle, acquitted (4)
39 Fire rubbish teacher (7)
41 Broadcast a tirade, being upset (7)
44 Markets without women? $(4,3)$
45 Loth to suggest something to read? $(3,5,2,10)$
49 Notice a ray briefly in granite (7)
50 Plant oil I extracted at holiday period (8)
51 Decorative band are still coming through speakers? (6)

53 Try to interest in buying resin (5)
54 Caribbean island, one toured by Chinese (7)
55 Beauty whose twin is deformed $(4,5)$
56 Style of jazz I patronised when playing $(6,5)$
57 Shout, twisting muscles, and howl out loud - it may help to look ahead $(7,4)$

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1 For Cockney, wheels stick, leading to jolt $(3,3)$
2 Crop the EU grows $(8,7)$
3 Help, after I raised cries of disgust? Let's move on $(6,4)$
4 A painful separation, sacking church singer (4)
5 Not from top-class city, wife: such a one? (6-3)
6 Badly-behaved old boy arrested in Yard's first mistake (7)

7 To inhibit ChildLine, be brought up as philosopher (9)
8 In another case, I might be described as scatterbrained (5)
9 Look what l've done: call northern city briefly $(3,6)$
10 A Civil War participant, am merely down for resettlement $(3,5,4)$
11 Police whose payment is overdue? $(3,4)$
12 Again bring up old church leader (6)
19 Hook holding one black French gown (8)
21 Absolute refusal by woman at last to keep a good shape (7)
22 Dramatic scenes as boyfriend grabs pounds contributing to government revenue (8)
23 Concede my nagging somewhat upset a favourite of Zeus (8)
25 Not even this little evidence prosecutor finally had in store? (5)
27 Patriotic song appears in blogs as Medicare rolled out $(3,5,7)$
30 Catholic church rejected eating a penguin (7)
31 Start to do war dance in Asian city (5)
33 Spring mist round river: it calls for a jumper (8)
34 Dwelling in London area I met duke badly hurt (4-8)
38 Using a Texan accent, announced an ATM function? (10)

40 One supplying children sees energy drop for a poor employer (9)
42 Book pair of performers a short time after start of Advent, perhaps (9)
43 All the time I dropped out from criminal idleness, extremely lazy (9)
45 He asks us to drink in honour of Daisy (7)
46 Extremely excited about true description of order (7)
47 Dad's staying married, that's plain (6)
48 Drive back across area in reverse (6)
50 Spirited board collecting European approvals (5)
52 Warning sound the careless don't give? (4)

