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## ACROSS

1 Writer labandoned for love, in the groove (6)
7 Socket penetrated in mouths (6)
12 Wandering roué, déclassé, imbibing eastern liqueur ( 13,3 words)
13 E.g. Sergt. in forcefulness not backward - explosive (9)
14 Heart in tenderness no longer kept secret (4)
15 Expression of gratitude? This is missing and E. Kean's devastated (7)
16 More than one red variety of scarlet (7)
18 Rattle to German so: 'Such climax and tone!' (6)
23 Travelling salesman? One going round engages unruly lad (6)
24 Heave, i.e. spew when thrown about in body of 'owker? (7)
26 Scales S. Asian river in Afghanistan initially (7)
29 Cutting from jambool, eastern genus including jasmine (4)
30 Pivotal step on floor, e.g. bagging cash - modern sales technique (13)
31 Auntie's in trouble touring North Dakota swamps (9)
32 Philosopher where another taught back in centre for athletes (6)
33 Legal negligence is painful after end of trial (6)

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| ${ }^{2}$ A | V | 0 | P | A | R |  | C | 1 | N | L | A |  | V |
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Across 1, station = Australian ranch;
13 , snee + ry; 14, 3 meanings; 16 , turn in anag.; stare = starling; 17, i.e. b and ora = bora (qv); 20, one in true (rev.); 23, pa+ Tamar; 31, Dixi(E); 33, v in Paris.
Down 1, rub in scup; 2, comp. anag.; 3, 0 in anag.; 4, panto um; 8 , dire in top (all rev.); 9 , an Dali in anag.; $11, g+\mathrm{t}$ in yes; 19, a MP in sled (qv); 21, ref. Aristophanes: Frogs; 26, tap ${ }^{4}+\mathrm{ir}(\mathrm{on}) ; 29, \mathrm{x}$ (= multiplied by) in ail.

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## 'WE THREEKINGS'

1 R. S. Morse (The Deane House, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants SO21 2LR): Christmas strain's showing with the bombing offensive against the heart of Palestine $(w+$ anag. + reeking $+s)$. 2 H. Freeman (London): Worried when it's Greek bearing gifts? That's us! (anag.; ref. Virgil: 'timeo Danaos...'). 3 E. Cross (New Milton, Hants): Our first course was from the east: moist, hot, smoky portion of samosa (weth reekings).
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## DOWN

1 A site placed strategically - early requirement for new company (11, 2 words)
2 Beetle making a hole once in Church (7)
3 Sport played by teams, not by miserable specimen - he'll crawl to mom! (6)
4 Hit the bottle (Scotch), its first and last (4)
5 Maintain old supermarket, top to bottom (5)
6 Regimental soldiers cuss Dogstar when on manoeuvres? (11, 2 words)
7 Colour-sensitive plates clipping head off member of famous trio? (6)
8 Sailor in old fleet squadron, special lags (7)
9 Offensive term for Abos, number put up in marshy regions (6)
10 Litter dumped in site messily? (4)
11 Collections creating mounting confusion in disorganized lab over many years (11)
17 It facilitates student mobility (costs are rising) (7)
19 Unbridled license leading to oblivion (7)
20 After ailment, medical field's lost for words? Anything but (6)
21 'Very holy' French girl, no Trinitarian she, ultimately (6)
22 Enjoy dip in river and lie knotting belt up (6)
25 Fancy goblet? Certainly - drink up holding it (5)
27 A tributary of the Rhine valley? Yes and no (4)
28 Fish catch, parts exchanged (4)
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

