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ACROSS

- 1 Pay is adjusted with mostly modest woman involved in mental affliction (13)
- **10** Game played on deck with a seal (5)
- **11** Driver best give a wide berth, for whom it's a game injecting heroin (4)
- 12 A Queensland native, it could be said (4)
- **14** A country using French currency is making good financially (6)
- 16 Bacon, say, OK for goose? (5)
- **17** Tea-urn's misused with English wine (8)
- 18 What's bloated in poetry captured by parodist entertainingly (7)
- 20 Bone disease ties stooper so in knots (13)
- **24** Musician trapping nurse in lift (7)
- 26 Ancient ox, last to munch oil secreted in juice of poison ivy (8)
- **28** Porridge from South Africa, doughy at first (5)
- **29** Of bone (6)
- **30** Former interval Ben's shrugged off, sickly (4)
- ***31** Cardinal point (4)
- **32** Scots aim to annoy, ignoring north at the outset (5)
- 33 Direness, with tummy spreading, not kept in proportion (13)

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Across 2, flamboy ante; 11, ZA + linban; 18, comp. anag.; 22, anag. of alternate letters; 27, as SA in creep; 32, ita+lie; ref. Place d'I.inParis; 33, e.g. 'oist; 34, stee(lie)r; 35, stand(qv) in(Dirk) Bogard(E).

Down 3, (p)lummy (qv); 4, Pin a mule; 6, oz + ()ike (rev.); 7, it + y in yak x 2; 8, wire = pickpocket; 9, cf. pasta; 12, en inno sippers; 15, I gall (rev.) in cost; 22, comp. anag. & lit.; 25, if (rev.) in deed; 26, i.e. Grego(rian); 29, ule in (num) er (als); ref. Leonhard E. (1707–1783), Swiss mathematician.

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- 2 Antelope, one found in part of NZ(4)
- **3** Yak cart let out (7)
- 4 Mills maybe mostly producing sound for poet of yore (5)
- 5 The USA's one reverberates with ultimate in eloquence? (11, 2 words)
- 6 Force? It briefly worsened ... (6)
- 7 ... Such wounds unit required by the sound of it (5)
- 8 Drink up wine that's bottled in very dark colour (9)
- 9 Tell-tale sound sequence it's absorbing study (5)
- **10** Indian settlement British dismantle, insolvent (9)
- 13 Colonnade having ruined storey guarded by porter? (9)
- **15** Posset drunk, lord bedded we'll finish off works (9)
- **19** Chamber pieces? Count me out that's about conclusive (7)
- 21 Brief letter, one from Greece that's yellow on fading (6)
- 22 Rule in e.g. French described (5)
- 23 Gently (G) who's playing that period instrument? (5)
- **25** End of gutter is on inverted vertical pipe (5)
- **27** E.g. Christian wretchedness, as of old (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended. It gives **21** as an abbreviation.