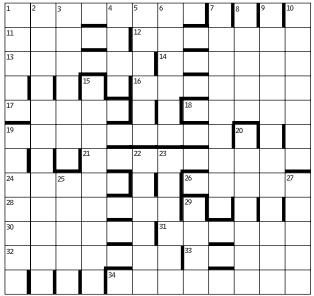
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ACROSS

- 1 Chocolate treat, often? Chap's broken mine (8)
- 11 Asian fruit fed to Bengali children (5)
- 12 Italian chamber piece second tenor replaced as old? Not very (7.2 words)
- **13** Truancy? Head (male) abandoned system for predicting things (6, 2 words)
- **14** Where to drink three starters of sherry or red wine (6)
- **16** Supplier of some tack before being put in steamer maybe (7)
- 17 Japanese family crest in silver here and there of old (5)
- **18** Beauty spot created between Annapurna and Everest (5)
- 19 Useful thing in tool box thrust hard on end of handle and try turning (9, 2 words)
- 21 Like a jeweller's stone, once rough? Endlessly tilt rings (9)
- 24 Cast connected according to audience? (5)
- **26** Lines penned in what inevitably led to Rome as holiday home? (5)
- **28** Whereupon Garrick performed, robed so flamboyantly? (7)
- **30** Sailor heads for immense renown involving our nation in sea battle (6)
- **31** Bowl–shaped recess for soap, popularly (6)
- 32 Filmic power of deduction, half hidden in 'little grey cells'? (7)
- 33 Language that's precious in South Africa (5)

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PRIZERULES

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Across 1, gates crupper; tug (rev.) + scrap ER; 11, sucks...biting; hidden; 12, dish five; 13, stow pop; stin poop; 14, we sinned; din e'en; 16, Nicaean; a in sine an; 17, thane fist; anag; 19, sea trap; 20, pillar's base; 22, tin hat; ntain hat; 25, calls bees; a + pian(o); 26, hill stunt; till in shunt; 28, Arry coal; lin carol + e; 31, court card; (ma)king; 32, town dame; s(in) in cites; 34, old cash; inti (mate); 35, sunned sacker.

Down 2, seaweeds; lot h,r, l inux.; 3, key match; te(st) + st.; 4, natty set; 5, sip raw; 6, mould for salmon; as pic; 7, cone fall; PH (on maps) + anag. + all; 8, die rent; 9, eye's part; u + vea(l); 10, any paties; 13, chat pox; chock in anag.; 15, bane ... meats; 18, near piste; anag. lessi; 21, iffy tock; op hit l c; 23 trio... lots; No + R, n + as; 25, pick for seat; cin stele (rev.); 27, alley id; ilia d; 29, lacking weight; (f) alry; 30, tiny parr; hidden.

- **34** Short book celebrated special heroes of legend (8) DOWN
 - 1 Scalp I treated? 's in evidence perhaps (5)
 - 2 I chop ham messily, a fetish, being scared of e.g. sharp knives (12)
- 3 School jam, cheap and nasty (7)
- 4 Tip that's not closely packed, top to bottom (4)
- **5** Swallow as of old replacing and leaving the country (6)
- **6** They exclude unwanted sounds, sounds surrounding outside broadcast (6)
- **7** Scrambling up crag, I tire, worn-out (9)
- 8 Leg breaks set out plum middle? (5)
- **9** Competing in games? Value damaged in beating (12)
- **10** N. African woman in low topless style of clothing (7)
- **15** Columnist king, stupid fellow, kept within loose rein (9)
- **19** In bed, little energy, disease showing relapse (7)
- **20** Post Office thief avoiding time inside? One's free but trapped by charges (7)
- **22** Recording unit maybe soaks up limits of echo (6)
- 23 Philosopher having precedence over spiritual leader (if dismissed) (6)
- 25 Finish off vigorous game of golf? (5)
- **27** Some near eastern regions (5)
- **29** It's worshipped in China or Japan, detriment if head's knocked off (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.