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ACROSS

- 1 Stuff for older students? Atom physics (more than half of it) possibly (9)
- **12** Worry locally following barristers around (4)
- **13** Enormous old skirt, English or half American (7)
- **14** All old confused about seductive charm mine? (6)
- **15** Small island provides refuge for this fish (5)
- **16** Tricky role, one of many in Shakespeare's historical plays? (4)
- **17** Boring bit of rubbish swallowed by ducks? (6)
- **18** Dad's catching river fishes with end of line pens etc go here (9)
- 20 Slimeball knocking back large quantity (4)
- 21 Carriage always behind a couple of chargers (4)
- 23 Fibrous plant I had planted where Adelaide's found (4)
- **25** Something for tele–supper requiring a scoop of extra yoghurt? (4)
- **27** Cot's amply fitted as cell component (9)
- **29** Excuse, once? In this has dispelled nuisance possibly (6)
- **32** Stuff endlessly recycled? In brickyard, yes (4)
- **33** Jock's darling, cross (5)
- **34** Iron peg securing special valve mechanism (6)
- **35** Men with caps rolling pitches (7)

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Across 13, roped (rev.) + tee (T);16, bod (rev.) + by; 17, anag, ind.m; 21, st. + anag, + m; 26, 0 in lues (rev.); 30, i.e. 'curry, cool'; 31, anag, for old in polder; 32, Hin pony; 33, comp. anag, & lit.; 34, 0 in scraper bard.

Down 2, pp ing say; 3, pr. + anag, less y; 4, tum (rev.) + (gr)uel; 6, hidden rev.; cod science; 7, amiin anag;; 10, pen + cue (rev.) in anag;; 12, AB 0 in settles; 22, sci. in one; 23, see mull?; 25, cf. Red Sea; 27, ein urna; see etym. at urn.

PRIZERULES

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- **36** Abrasive possibly paid for, we hear (4)
- 37 Toast drunk on completing California river bridge (9)

DOWN

- 2 Something to dispel gloom like some Richmond voters formerly? (6)
- **3** Liquid spilt includes a hot drink (5)
- **4** Way of working with politician may be getting one moving (6)
- **5** Complete disorder created by some gripping spanner (7)
- 6 Disturbed at e.g. S. Plath's final moment (11, 3 words)
- 7 Having a tint? Dye much from below, with regular trims (4)
- 8 Head covering, medieval? Maid's concealed with it (4)
- **9** Worthy opponent and replacing tail–ender in part (6)
- 10 Gourd with notches, only a little unusual in banking system (5)
- 11 Legal reparation exploding mythin agreement (10)
- 12 Illegal stallholder offering stylish jug, American (10)
- **19** Riot cut short, cops dealt with sign (7)
- **22** Large joint dines without letting bits of slimming lecture intervene? (6)
- 23 Stripped pistol reassembled (6)
- **24** Snaffle that's rarely seen in e.g. horse racing (6)
- **26** What's causing stoppage in play? Batting in a bit of sunlight needed (5)
- **28** Part of choir split up in rehearsal to sing (5)
- 29 Scots shoemaker making shoe initially pinch (4)
- 31 Palm tree? One'll need a leg up (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.