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ACROSS

- 1 It applies make-up and isn't mixed in store (8)
- **11** Vintage Chartreuse in college celebration on the lawn (10)

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- **12** Amber, i.e. not quite red? (4)
- **13** Foreigner in French service, on dropping crouton in the soup (5)
- 14 What makes reptile stop? It may get flattened on the road (7)
- **15** Snappy type, nursing a bit of hostility (5)
- 17 Is prone to imbibe dram? That's understatement (7)
- 19 Curving ball touching edge? Out! (5)
- 21 Bits of information showing salary cut in recession (6)
- 23 Where you'll see hens, with predator returning endlessly, dwindle (6, 2 words)
- 24 Stuffing children a lot, this failure is serious (5)
- 25 Resemble unruly youth being put through harsh rookie tests (7)
- **28** Frilly thing husband clad in pleated ecru (5)
- **30** Get acquainted with worthless thing in tow? The opposite (7, 3 words)
- **31** Nick the writer entering Harrow (as it was) (5)

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Across 1, thing L in farand; 14, i.e. Ark's hell (ref. Noah); 15, a pron(e); 16, TT in airy (rev.); 23, end in sup; 26, i.e. (the) tical; 29, lin anag.lessa. Down 2, r + oper(a); 4, intro(m)it; 5, no OK y; 6, chinlit; 8, (c) alled (rev.); ref. D. Street, character in Perry Mason series; 10, pimp + Allen1 (rev.); 18, nard inmoa; 21, dull (rev.) + Einis; 24, Drugs; 27 cops + e.

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- 32 Amateur caught by wild hit in one type of boxing (4)33 Transformation of some insect, change familiar in
 - Panama (10)
- **34** Strain on part of hoist (8)

DOWN

- 1 Endless ostentation as alternative to tourist hotel? (7)
- 2 Appetizers follow on for all to see in US meal, varied (12)
- 3 Letter from abroad depressed man (5)
- 4 Opera, all in French, turned up including strip (8)
- **5** Arcadia, say, some beautifully displayed, uplifted (5)
- 6 Chemical compound insect's manufactured round rear of belly (7)
- 7 'Giddy-up' around end of canter? Reverse of that (4)
- 8 Late-flowering rambling rose and wild vetch (8)
- **9** Council staff in rows round battered crate (12)
- **10** Major blitz put up water rates? (5)
- 16 Punk cinema, no good, making one cringe? (8)
- **18** Tumour, one of nine in rising amount (8)
- **20** We tucked into second part of menu, European (7)
- 22 There's money in mine waste as roofing material? (7)
- **25** Cloth flaw causing start of rip in behind (5)
- 26 Party with minimum of whisky that is dismal for Scots (5)
- 27 What one must pass before drive (5)
- 29 Bowler maybe with little energy can't stand (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.