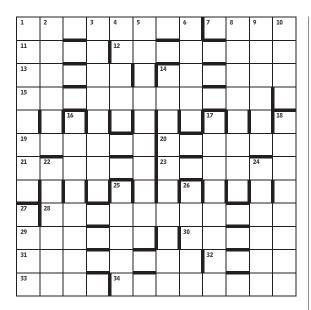
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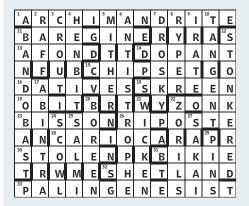
- 1 Composer's wife getting grip of exercises with piano? Rubbish (8)
- 7 Camel hair coating successful group (4)
- 11 Dominant Malagasies hard on drifters denied grants (4)
- 12 Ape concealed in old raincoat? The opposite (8)
- 13 Poet's confused in fancy hotels, one of the taps having come off? (5)
- 14 Lizard from Indian territory, North America (6)
- 15 Food for clue as an anagram, unsatisfactory to jewellers (11)
- 19 NZ farm hand who may be ordered to hose pen endlessly (6)
- **20** I peak, coming from behind, ahead of a top golfer (6)
- 21 Some popular timps backing, high-hat-like? (6)
- 23 Eruption, hot, in Iceland and going off explosively little new (6)
- 28 Family of fishes from America hide with camouflage (11)
- **29** Car protected by French patron (6)
- **30** Artist recalled exploit with centre of picture (5)
- **31** Flowering plant acquired from shop, deal negotiated (8)
- 32 Unconventional writing system fast losing following (4)
- 33 Barmy stuff formerly essential for dyesters (4)
- **34** Get cross about a bed, collapsed, that's 'ready to mount'? (8)

Down

- 1 Lady's skin condition: one after opening has look inside (8)
- 2 Scrubber prince put up pocketing cash (6)
- **3** Knavery in Shakespeare, irregular when the monarch's involved (8)
- 4 Article that's painful for old slave (5)
- **5** Neckline feature, dandy buttonhole? (10)
- 6 'Dutiful', suggesting French ranker? (5)
- **8** Almost stranded, on being kept in arthritic condition? (8)
- 9 A ——, Asian, modifies appearance of Indian sahiba (6)
- 10 A dimwit accounting for cow, old (4)
- 14 Watching too much TV, maybe, turn oddly edgy, filled with joy (10)
- **16** More than one sauce vessel, vulgarly flashy? Tart obscured (8)
- **17** Dyestuff, rich, stirred in jar (8)
- **18** Line that's jagged, irregular etc penned by poet (8)
- **22** Box as a precaution (6)
- 24 Surface gloss, well-known in a wing (6)
- **25** Accommodation going up in smoke (in Edinburgh?) (5)
- **26** River entering lake mistaken for a famous bay (5)
- 27 There's nothing fine, alas, in this offensive label (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, i.e. m in anag. + rite; 16, DA + v in ties; 22, z(one) + n in OK; 28, c + co. (rev.) in aria; 31, alternate letters; 32, anag. in s hand; 33, paling + anag. **Down** 5, cf. hermit; 7, Dr. o' sky; 9, i.e. (p)irate; 11, band + anag.; 17, a bin + art (rev.); 21, c. in anag.; 29, snip (rev.).

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