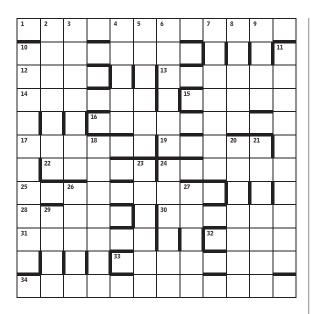
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Across

- 1 Drunken upsey about Fido playing harp? Feature of unedited text maybe (12)
- **10** Umbellifer in merrymaking boozer knocked over (8)
- 12 One of many in saleroom no longer tolerated (4)
- **13** Magical realm created by displaced rani in North America (6)
- **14** Waiter upset by verbals, dropping barrel (6)
- **15** Metal pot, repulsive? Move one back a bit (5)
- **16** Boil T-bag? O, that's misguided this is indispensable (9)
- 17 After travelling in jet you've yen for cheap transport (6)
- 19 Senior administrators, ten in what
- preceded EU section (5)

 22 Non-religious believer is grabbed by
- antisocial youth from behind (5)

 24 Remove last bit of skin on meat as part
- **25** Abuses veil with skittish stare (9)

of tack (6)

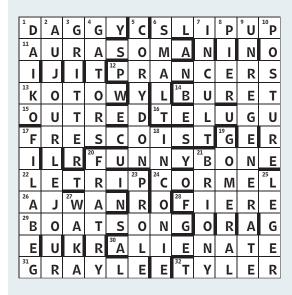
- **28** The old man's nursing largely painful skin condition (5)
- **30** Rare candlestick, being poorly turned stuff (6)
- **31** Life's changed alongside husband, distraught (6)
- **32** What's heard in Yankee accent (see introductions)? (4)
- **33** Insecticide l'introduced, stunnin' and acceptable (8)
- **34** Grudge having to accept aim of Scots with money, the émigré's lot (12)

Down

- 2 Mediterranean resort in the south of France, almost rainless (7)
- **3** Eastern exercise system? Seconds taken off to shave (7)
- 4 Grace, on the up, not half, a bright star (5)
- **5** Daughter's bairn takes in part of speech not long past? (6)
- **6** Showing moderation it's absorbed by unintelligent learners (6)
- 7 Filth once dumped in meadow rising as foam (7)
- **8** Skin discoloration identified by drink generally (5)
- 9 Bird, now extinct? Maori gathering last of genera (4)
- **10** Low-level parachuter in worthless woolly (9, 2 words)
- 11 Crazy about former garçon, one follower of religion (9)
- **18** Egg ceremony requiring salt (7)
- **20** Ill–fitting set? Toe pinches possibly (7)
- **21** Sweet lad blanketing a horse (7)
- 23 One of the plovers shot after the rain lifted (6)
- 24 A couple of chums describing how insects feel? (6)
- **26** Soft furnishings, very firm where bottom goes (5)
- 27 Bowls with spin, sez 'Owzat!', so wicket goes (5)
- 29 Ingredient of Scottish gin, one found in Skye I removed? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 12, p + rance + RS; 14, comp. anag.; 15, outré d; 20, i.e. 'bunny phone'; 29, anag. in bog; ref. Eton boating song; 30, ref. Natalie Portman, actor; 31, r in (Chris) Gayle; 32, t + rely (rev.); ref. Wat Tyler, leader of Peasants' Revolt. Down 5, r in coy don; 7, insult with c for s; 9, genera in anag.; 17, labe(l) in fig; 18, NI in in Coe; 19, mer(it) in goal; 20, TR in fray (qv); 27, 'whacker'.

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