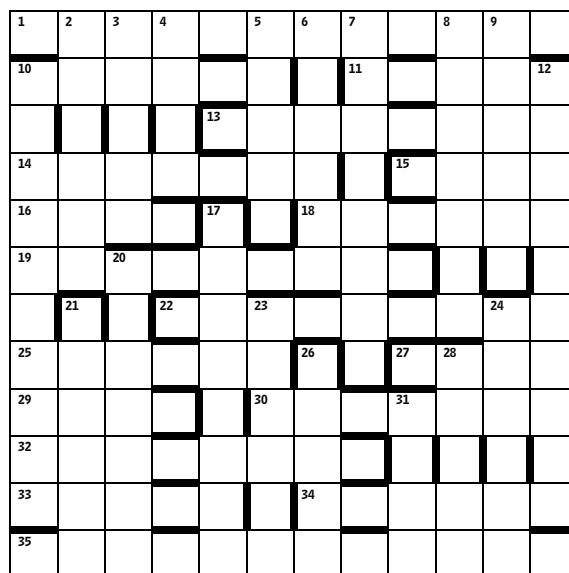


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Across

- 1 Not in haste? Wrong, and (in short) on time (12, 3 words)
- 10 Like a snort? It's found in den on once retiring (6)
- 11 Packs minimum of equipment in shorts (5)
- 13 Burrower clearly inside blind (8)
- 14 Brightly coloured fabric, reverse of worthless in brown (7)
- 15 God embraced by group coming together in prayer (4)
- 16 Cast from Ibsen's Hedda (4)
- 18 Duck pastry containing only half meat, dull (6)
- 19 Before being taken in by dissembler, boss had no knowledge of this (9)
- 22 Copy U-turn travelling away from coastal region? (9)
- 25 Feeble, old, and half dead with melancholy? (6)
- 27 Foreign ruler experiences going round, capturing hearts (4)
- 29 Half getting submerged in Scotch mist (4)
- 30 Fawn-coloured wine sealed in wax (7)
- 32 Scholarship giving one inclination to accept entry to Repton (8)
- 33 Wise, maybe? I can certainly pick winners (5)
- 34 E.g. Clare lives with boy, name concealed (6)
- 35 Moped rotor comes loose, before being put back inside (12, 2 words)

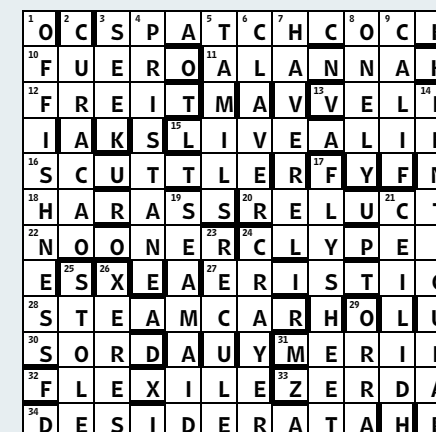
Down

- 2 Native American house with a windmill sail inverted on top (6)

- 3 Start of conflict interrupts actual respite (5)
- 4 Greeting hairy man with regular cuts (4)
- 5 Sick with centre of meal trapped in part of intestine? (5)
- 6 The latest fashion unit representing some force (6)
- 7 Water rising in gushing upset, precipitous as before (8)
- 8 Finally fed with bit of entremets, possibly more (7, 2 words)
- 9 Education in Eton undergoing change must (6, 2 words)
- 10 Old music maker creating minor misdeed in convent? (10)
- 12 Played, see, furiously – about end of match one's ready for bed (10)
- 17 One bit of plush held by hatter I'm turned off, cosmetic (8, 2 words)
- 20 Keep on about upcoming award in sonorous tones (7)
- 21 Sticker, ad scratched over in Bantu language (6)
- 23 Cut bit of charcuterie up for burgers of a sort (6)
- 24 Poet penning number that's lingual in part (6)
- 26 Good film turned up relating to DNA? (5)
- 28 Part of kit that's beaten, hand held (not half) (5)
- 31 Extract from travelogue, requirement for cyclist abroad (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give one reasonably familiar foreign word.

Azed No. 2,599 solution & notes



Across 11, Alan + (Di)nah; 15, anag. + alie(n); 28, team in scar; 30, sord(0).
Down 1, of fish + ness; 2, 'cure a sow'; 6, clever with a for E; 8, on Ely; 9, Calif(ornia); 17, fly + he in set; 23, Luc(if)er (rev.) + e; 24, a in (Barry) Cryer.

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