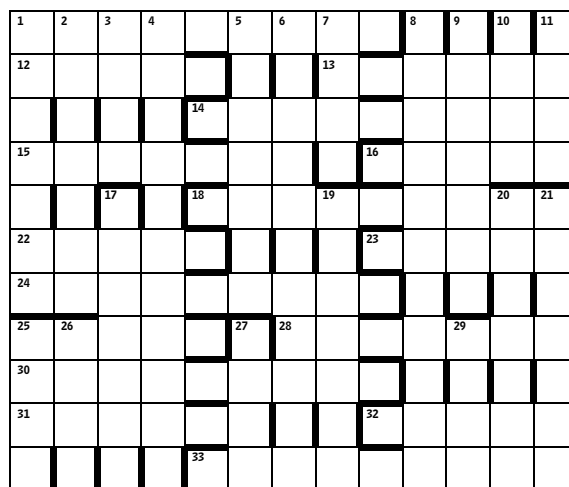


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Across

- 1 Once overworked crown's somehow leaving king in a cleft (9)
- 12 Princely Rajput appears round the bend in something like a poncho (5)
- 13 Poet's come down a glen grasping start of idyll (6)
- 14 Where dons gather supplied with fruit and US meat loaves (9)
- 15 This war disconcerted spooks (7)
- 16 Coastal mass envelops this cape (5)
- 18 Pub atmosphere feeding stale crusts to hard-working creatures (9)
- 22 I'm backing out of jogs yielding ruptures (5)
- 23 Raw recruit returned to the French trenches (one of them) (5)
- 24 Endless sleep, drams drunk deep? (9)
- 25 A particular bean soup (5)
- 28 Labiate, unusually rich, suggesting type of bean? (7)
- 30 Modern lady spoilt with treat (9)
- 31 Pearl, round, I found in cranny (6)
- 32 Snow White's friends? Day away from digs (5)
- 33 Precious stone, stone that is including a bit of tourmaline (9)

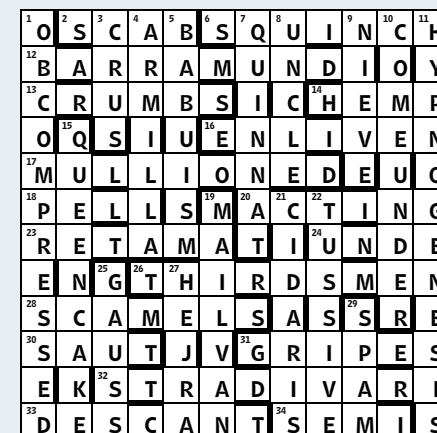
Down

- 1 Unreasonable old rumpus in remote department (7)
- 2 French worker having mistaken au revoir with afternoon off (7)
- 3 Main character in epic plays, not the first (4)

- 4 Radial nets arranged on river for US fish (11, 2 words)
- 5 Like bags of nuts or varied coals he's put in (7)
- 6 One caring for the sick to roll up with number during Passover feast (11)
- 7 Drives in Scotland when following borders of Caledonia (4)
- 8 Orientalist possibly making joke about phonal blundering I introduced (11)
- 9 Outlet for meal I call up in Maine (7)
- 10 Elemental stuff turning up in some lysosomes (4)
- 11 Feature of Ford westerns the old master located on centre of plain? (4)
- 17 I train freely putting energy in – opposite of this? (7)
- 19 Blooming noise of e.g. US breakers with tide coming in (7)
- 20 Soft cloth one with money included in array (7)
- 21 Endless sun leading to blend of secco and fruity (7)
- 25 Bowled lofted delivery yielding zero score (4)
- 26 East-ender's reputed to sink Scotch? (4)
- 27 Do without leader with cultural pretensions? (4)
- 29 'Sunny' fellow enraptured with removal of bottom half (shed) (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 12, bar⁴ + anag.; 13, rum in CBS; 24, ref. Wavy Navy, nickname of RNVR; 32, trad in anag.; 33, scan in Det.

Down 1, comp in anag.; 8, uncle(an); see lumber⁴; 15, cf. keen quake; 21, c 1 Dari(u)s; 29, first letters.

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