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Across

- 1** Chaps troubled about pieces returned by editor, being hard up (12)
- 9** Armenian clothed in Thai khaki (5)
- 11** What Indian women may wear about festival in spring (5)
- 13** Comb English county briefly for sedimentary rocks (7, 2 words)
- 14** Unit of money, 'penny' in Arabia (5)
- 15** Unlocked the lost desk drawer (7)
- 16** Points retracted in entering place of punishment (6, 2 words)
- 18** Throw with the intention of wounding, showing vigour? Not on once (6)
- 19** Like many in the senate house, before not being allowed out (7)
- 23** Gossip, as female getting round lows (7)
- 25** Hooligan giving the old man back pain (6)
- 26** Caught immediately before tea? Take that! (6)
- 27** Company's base, not heat-resistant – well, only partly (7)
- 29** Former operation I see to do with bodily secretion (5)
- 30** American shrub from Haiti, its smell having a touch of arum (7)
- 31** Arms may display this brown colour; however back contains extremes of wan skin (5)
- 32** Free literary style is associated with him in dialect (5)
- 33** Officer may flourish this bundle; suffering regt sick (12, 2 words)

Down

- 1** Overseas bowler demonstrating turn on the way down (7)
- 2** Partial weatherproofing in north America (6)
- 3** The slaughter of animals struck hiding in African tree (7)
- 4** The French forced out of Spanish city creating a rumpus (4)
- 5** One doing housework switching ends became inefficient (6)
- 6** I bathed in hot lamp turning a dull brown (8)
- 7** Shut up about number turning up in the old west (6)
- 8** Start of glee interrupting dreadful monody (5)
- 10** It produces fungal growth, so a piece spreads, yellowish inside (10)
- 12** Having money invested in real crackers for cheese (10)
- 17** Activity in bakery, except with children involved (8)
- 20** Malay Muslim in Australia briefly in love (7)
- 21** Bask endlessly almost naked, careless? It's just the place for that (7)
- 22** Sequence of intricate names forming connected series (6)
- 23** Old riddle: what's creating luminous discharge in bishop's place? (6)
- 24** Cephalopods wrongly seen in ring on embroidered picot (6)
- 25** Is up against time with amateur coach around (5)
- 28** Mountain goat or deer, tail aloft (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 12, u in prex; 17, hidden rev.; 20, cf. hotel; 23, o up in trial.

Down 1, b + anag. in Ama(zon); 2, Ga(MB)ia; 4, o' g, g in lat(e); 6, ras o' + lair (rev.); 8, t(o)push; 9, ort + (s)olan; 14, met Aphra's + t (ref. A. Behn); 24, a in pinta; 25, cf. action.

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