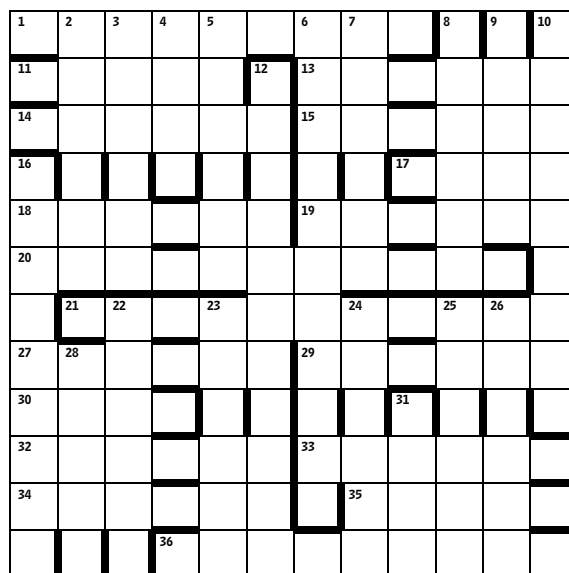


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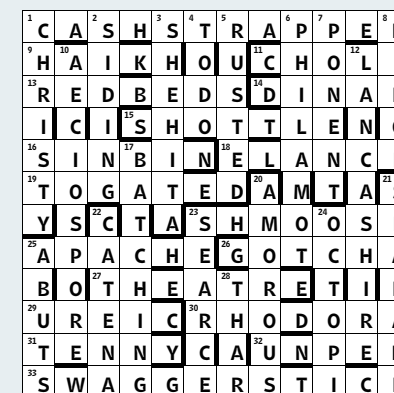
- 1** American rotter appearing in pulpit, delivering surprise attack (9)
- 11** Gangster swindled, twice out of depth, creating a fuss (5)
- 13** Pet I ask nervously about a game, skipping do (6)
- 14** The majority of seabirds in air, flying – they can decimate shoals (6)
- 15** Orcadian bird: it's seen returning in local common (6)
- 17** Teacake with bit of glucose as sweetener (4)
- 18** Coaches supplying narcotic (6)
- 19** Salt advanced to lee with altered course going about (6)
- *20** The good things of life (11, 3 words)
- 21** Source of news items to expedite, no longer postponed, one assumes? (11, 2 words)
- 27** Error made by backward learners (6)
- 29** Newton's captivated by thaumaturge, German scientist (6)
- 30** Feature of desk, this? Not his, with clumsy DIY (4)
- 32** Abdominal folds medic returned with neat wound (6)
- 33** Light rain from southerly quarter to stop (6)
- 34** Domestic that's serving e.g. supper, favoured turning in (6)
- 35** Like lost jottings once penned in Verdun redoubt? (5)
- 36** Appetizer from a tin slovenly clergyman left unfinished (9)

Down

- 2** It may involve march round centre of Goa (6)
- 3** Trunks that have lasted, a success? Gush about that (6)
- 4** Indication of disagreement, secret, Home Secretary regularly suppressed (4)
- 5** Free-swimming drifters engaged in universal pastime (6)
- 6** Study the heavens, i.e. with moon and stars variously (11)
- 7** Like the newly born with being ignored bawl when pa's around (6)
- 8** Common left after most of season's over (6)
- 9** Family housed in short thoroughfare, stony (5)
- 10** Elegies composed in regular bits of bliss not as subject (9)
- 12** Shifting surface maybe splats a ship at sea (11)
- 16** A cold curse involving bling gets familiar? (9)
- 22** I had got in revenue, looking delighted (6)
- 23** Browning? That dallying with EB may have stirred nun's bate! (6)
- 24** Between sound opposites of two cross off sound engineer's contribution? (6)
- 25** Broadcast of Friends, having died out, concludes (6)
- 26** Part of old armour that is originally Roman in short (6)
- 28** Trees forming boundary (5)
- 31** Source of ghee bottled in Karnataka (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, parts (rev.) in anag + ed; 16, in in nibs (rev.); 18, elan + (on)ce; 30, RH + odor + a; 33, swag + anag.
Down 1, 2 meanings; 2, 2 meanings; 4, To(le)do; 5, cf. duster; 12, cash in anag.; 17, ch. in bating (qv); 21, anag. less k, d; 24, see entry in C.; 25, t in a bus; 28, cf. hart.

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