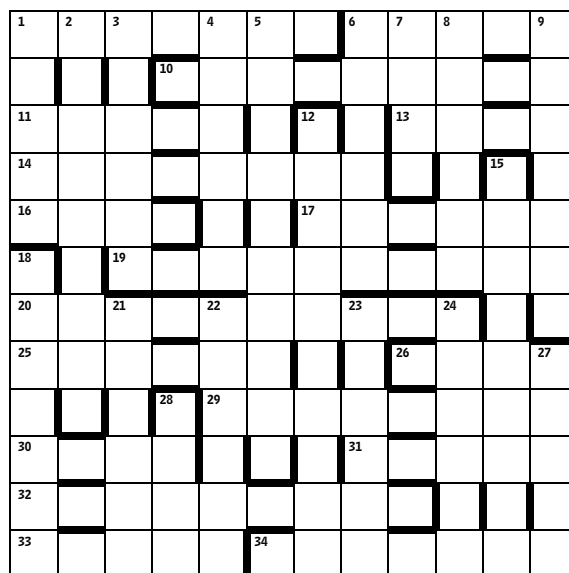


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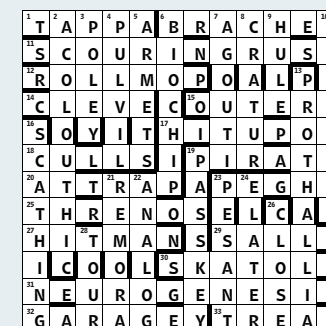
- 1** Part of Boer's defence maybe he scans obliquely? (7)
- 6** Antelope, last of species, a pity (5)
- 10** Jack-fruit? It's at its best when shrivelled (9)
- 11** Catching nothing smoothly (5)
- 13** District with its own legislation to tax heavily, we hear (4)
- 14** Sheepdog, a stunner? Absolutely right (8)
- 16** Teething toy, not the first relating to sucking stage? (4)
- 17** What's this bardic craft for? Giving actor fuel possibly (6)
- 19** They polish rocky crystalline lump, bladder-like (10)
- *20** Criminal (10)
- 25** Solo assigned to celebrity making comeback (6)
- 26** Fish round ring in land skirted by two rivers (4)
- 29** Routine changes round middle of sixties, slowing-down time (8)
- 30** It blows cold, a handicap, no question (4)
- 31** Thanks golfer's target for simple shot (5)
- 32** Saint goes wrong, one wrestling with inner demons (9)
- 33** Sea-trout Welsh will have learnt about (5)
- 34** Fine fabric formerly damaged (7)

Down

- 1** Creation of cook's, dramatically outstanding (5)
- 2** Insecticide making husband peer inside bamboo? (9)
- 3** Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale, timeless, associated with him recast (6)
- 4** Number in chamber piece without price being fixed at outset (6)
- 5** They arrange Jewish marriages, held constant within form of Mishna (10)
- 6** Old governor displaying skill in step up (6)
- 7** Section of cheap seats in alcove (4)
- 8** Inconsistent section dominating chamber (6)
- 9** Passes through Channel landmark (7)
- 12** I tap in train company in place mentioned (10, 2 words)
- 15** Grant includes state's refurbishment of carriage (9)
- 18** Protozoa once more found in down! (7)
- 21** Rough sea invading mean pasture (6)
- 22** Bend in e.g. pectoral, an affliction of old horses (6)
- 23** Where hole's starting to soak up wobble (6)
- 24** Scots husky fully involved in dispersing riot (6)
- 27** Filleted just after being caught in river bottom (5)
- 28** Sandy area, new in river (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 11, RI in anag.; 17, cf. sit-upon; 27, anag. less ned; 29, s(ever)ally. **Down** 3, sv hummel; 4, VI in pull; 10, anag. + s; 13, rot H in pallia; 19, e in (Boris S) passky; 22, a + Golan (rev.); 28, ref T. Eiffel & the Grand T.

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