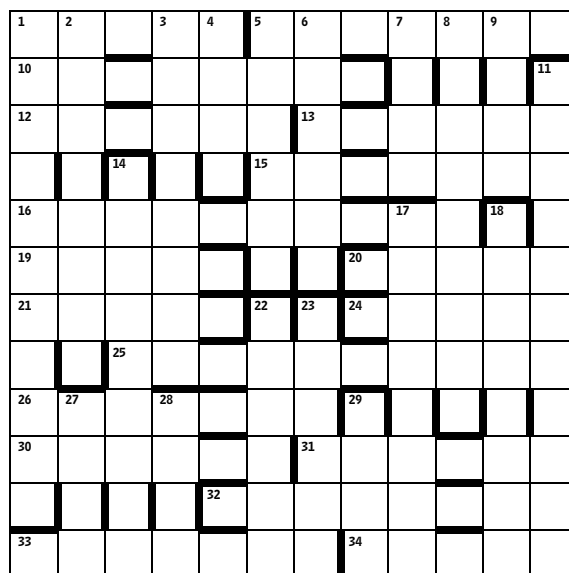


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Across

- 1** Specific gravity encasing barrel – it protects rudder (5)
- 5** Jock's rusty old blade, very black, buried in clay rock (7)
- 10** See minor lap mixed protein (8)
- 12** Midwife once on the spot opening damaged caul (6)
- 13** A biscuit a day (in short) limits ailment (6)
- 15** Deer come upon in California and Sweden (7)
- 16** Sate e.g. spoilt sheik with barrels in wild bash (10, 2 words)
- 19** Dance in a ring making house cheer (5)
- 20** Seize end of cable for lashing (5)
- 21** Poet's hair band occasioned ultimate of ridicule (5)
- 24** Section of flight that most airstrips will accept (5)
- 25** Type of clover range that includes an annual herb (10)
- 26** One cuckolded, a long time after deed (7)
- 30** Inn managed round centre of Tokyo abroad (6)
- 31** Low old square, well worn at the edges (6)
- 32** Support for the Scots excited the clans (8)
- 33** Sacred shrine one came across about rear of naos (7)
- 34** Eyes potty round front of nursery for wee (5)

Down

- 1** Mudguard making pa hold brass tight (11)
- 2** Darkness coming up, hold navy or stop (8)
- 3** Ballet movement is dismal with leg slipping around (8)
- 4** Look tired after Scotch? Mater, squiffy, left off scolding (4)
- 5** Punishes plonkers (6)
- 6** Antithesis of yon small landing place, right? (6)
- 7** I'm typical of small fry and may get attached to pop (or art) (4)
- 8** Alibi broken, dividing cake up? Bob has two of them (9)
- 9** Most of boodle needed for lounge (4)
- 11** Frantically speedy running traps sort of badger? (11)
- 14** Store given a going-over in company blitz (9)
- 17** Rift I repaired in top-quality strategy (8)
- 18** Trims, using energy and exercise system (8)
- 22** Argument for not running hot-foot (6)
- 23** Husband aiming for rising sun's rays (6)
- 27** Shoot up in academy cleverly (4)
- 28** What Caribbean cook often turns to, a minced beef ma left out (4)
- 29** Seabird? One mariner is disturbed by this, roamin' (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 12, anag. less offie; 17, E see in cold; 19, cf. crena; 28, ref. (Herbert M) arcus(e), German-American philosopher (1898-1979).

Down 1, jack + anag. + to; 2, o w + relay; sv over-; 3, at in grego; sv go!; 9, (wa)s nake(d); 16, coil (rev.) in pen E; 21, r + ever so; 24, r in (H)attie; ref. comic actress; 26, Tar(ta)ry; 27, see Bunter.

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