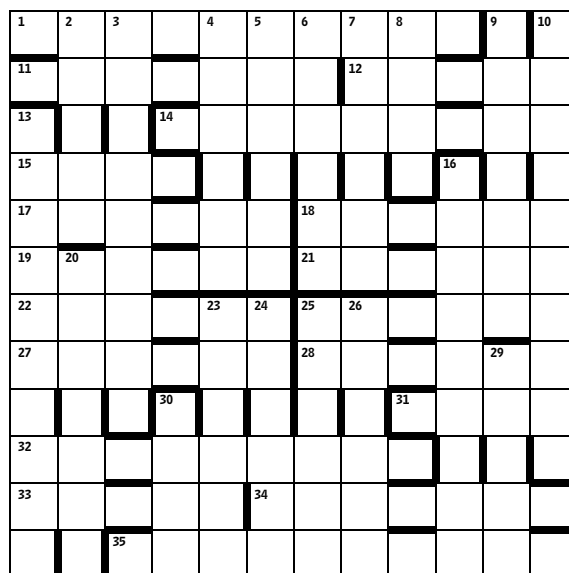


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### Across

- 1 Spray of lilac – bet it's worth smelling? (10)
- 11 German folk tales, waggish, chaps passed round (7)
- 12 King and prince showing symptom of disease? (5)
- 14 Red wine – treat flooring behind where it's served maybe (9)
- 15 Shifting sands in Arabia, say (4)
- 17 Lied to deviously, universal where love is thin (6)
- 18 Grace shown in daily lives (6)
- 19 Senile Scots finish vermouth, and same again (6)
- 21 African folk, name occurring in old crews (6)
- 22 Privy with time requiring ablution (6)
- 25 Commanders given minimum of troops, horrified (6)
- 27 Austere businesses will contain such hellish regions (6)
- 28 Rhyme to learn hurriedly, favour on leaving (6)
- 31 Poet's racket to reverse penury (4)
- 32 I act crazily with amour, blind in a way (9)
- 33 Soprano, see, with little or no accompaniment (5)
- 34 True restraint calling for honesty as of old (7)
- 35 Roughened mass of hair – stuffing for these? (10)

### Down

- 2 A rial's changed for bit of cash in the Maldives (5)
- 3 Glutton getting bill in NY that's taken in spin (9)

- 4 Water pot that's inclined to crack in Scotland, we hear (6)
- 5 Chain's attached to this part of halter, retentive (6)
- 6 Overseas conscript favoured most of service taking in Cuba (6)
- 7 Like silky patterned fabric Jerry put round his middle (6)
- 8 Beamed on comprehending line in cheery song (4)
- 9 Holy objects possibly required as boy marries (7)
- 10 Old word for chiasolite, translation of Scots Norse (10)
- 13 Led astray in serious self-denial, unlikely to be thrown (10)
- 16 Specify number among left-overs and trimmings (9)
- 20 Some active on the water possibly created by Ransome (7)
- 23 Viol leading dance causing collywobbles (6)
- 24 Armed guard to pay for, as in Shakespeare, protecting King (6)
- 25 Supplier for old soldiers providing a packing case, second to last (6)
- 26 Divine trio in the sea and air age with transformation (6)
- 29 Falsify most of faith (5)
- 30 Spanish dagger disembowelled one roughly (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

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**Across** 16, n in Ital.; ref. 12 Ac.; 17, lit in stye; 26, (s)print; 30, (p)olent(a); 32, barmen in Det.; 34, alternate letters.  
**Down** 3, ham + A, Z (rev.); 5, ef in ruse; 6, at in glos(s); 8, cf. starlet; 19, a role in PE; 20, man d in tau; 23, i.e. ebb in ply; 24, a in metal; 28, R in anon (rev.); 29, sou(pie)r.

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