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ACROSS

- College thicks drunkenly swallowing orange in portable sconce (12)
- 10 One making flat lines breaking quay rule (8)
- 12 Artificial rubber, a small lump turned over (4)
- 13 Boot of skin you'll find fashioned round Norway? (7)
- 14 Cold? That's shortened grasses (rice included) (6)
- 15 Pink Scotch? Try imbibing it (but only briefly!) (5)
- 18 Something like poker? Game secured involves king (4)
- 19 Produce conflict overlapping with deity presiding thereon (5)
- 20 With new handle chap turned in weaver's appliance (7)
- 21 He destroyed old Nick, an evil fellow (7)
- 23 Taken in by charm, Earl's beginning to look daggers (5)
- 26 Depression as W.G. is given out (4)
- 28 Strong cotton: you'll find some such in overalls (5)
- 30 Sassy lassie, American by the sound of it (6)
- 31 Barbarian having five such bloodied? (7)
- 32 Name on box may give information to the police (4)
- 33 Reefers? Plenty rolled on site, lit (8)
- *34 Stratagem (12, 3 words)

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Across 1, win lei; 12, ar + I lug (rev.); 14, yell(ow); see tige; 16, pin Dis, & lit; ref. cocktail parties; 17, hidden rev; 18, is in (Dattice; 25, ras in CS; 28, anag, in longe; 31, stat(im); 32, E meze (all rev.) in appetent; 35, a TA lay a; 36, alternate letters:

letters. Down 1, D in I away; 3, E + anag; 4, K + cin lath; 5, cf liar; gag = lie; 9, hera + it in clean; 10, lleac(h); 11, leg in ye (rev.); 13, Sion (= 2ion) in miser; 21, (c) almer + y; 24, cf. setter; 25, cf. 3 Down; 26, rep o(u)); 30, ref. OT book & E. Pound, US poet.

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DOWN

- 1 Hit a wretch wildly his mind's not on his job (12)
- 2 Will's noxious source: heir losing half goods (6)
- 3 Scots rabble, one embodied in ill-disciplined enemy (6)
- 4 Fire barrel, then do nothing (5)
- 5 Prehistoric flint found in middle of smelly litter (8)
- 6 Brushwood fire, half put out, on island (4)
- 7 Buddhist scripture: holy books buried in bracken (6)
- Once introduced to company, one's surrounded by water, small stretch thereof (8)
- 9 Chinese pan used in what's sea-kissed, simmering: result of too much MSG (2 words, apostrophe)
- 11 Stabilizer is briefly positioned above barrel (4)
- 16 Assets taken by owners showing gain in e.g. lorries (8)
- 17 P-Pomeranian shark? (8)
- 22 Play with Dutch as well as French article (6)
- 24 It was ruled by Hungarian governor, one in a rage (6)
- 25 Kir mixed with ale does for northern sportsman (6)
- 26 Deliberately avoid parade-ground order (4)
- 27 Note within range of modified tuba, African (5)
- 29 Pile of sand, part of gardener's fabric (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.