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Down clues are normal. Each across clue leads to two words which overlap, the last two letters of the first being the first two (in the same order) of the second. The overlaps occupy the central section of the diagram, bordered left and right by broken bars. Each across clue consists of clues to the two overlapping words, in either order; one of these is normal, but in the other the cryptic indication refers only to the full word minus the overlapping portion. Either of the two overlapping words may be clued first and the types of clue that make up each double clue may be in either order.

## ACROSS

1 Politician sits feverishly ingesting rubbish religious teacher allots as formerly $(7,7)$
9 Extract from Gautama should show passage in very hard body of religious traditions $(7,6)$
11 Roman troubled with EU charm tolerated notice about price offer $(7,7)$
15 A fraction cold after returning sickness changed tree that's withered and died ( 7,7 )
16 Palm bent over in river mid-afternoon right beside river buttercup? $(5,7)$
18 Agent later modified fringe charges (small) for lessee's content $(7,5)$
21 'Coffee capital' teetotal beer's held in scorn - drinks back damn bottles $(7,7)$
25 One with wayward gin penchant rung public school following rule $(7,7)$
26 Fool that is about for example to invest lost heated dispute, frequently with account short $(6,7)$
27 One making faces maybe set back - it's roughly supplied decko askance ( 7,7 )

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Across 1, 'Dusty', common nickname for Millers; 10, ea(r)th in pole; 12, c+ (Anna)
Livia, Roman name for River Liffey as personification of Dublin; 14, a LAMDA in $\mathrm{kn} ; 26$, ref. Aristophanes comedy; 29, pro C-in-C t; ref. 'Be prepared'; 31, s in gular; 33, (M)orgu(e) + Lou(I)s; ref. E. A. Poe: Murders of the Rue Morgue; 33, PE (qv) + as.
Down 3, lo in whim; 7, rin shin + al(I); 8
comp. anag. \& lit.; 11, leading (qv) + case; 19,
anag. $+\mathrm{us} ; 21$, r in nodal (rev.); 27, u in Riss.
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## DOWN

1 Racer in stall with unusual drab colour (12)
2 Drug twice concerning old drummer (7)
3 Victorian pollywog maybe represented by a little cube (6)
4 He 's at sea on large vessel for fifth month (6)
5 Shrew (this one?) heads for tree avoiding naga's attack (4)
6 Cracks in the larynx causing me to struggle with air (5)
7 Time with dog on having to be taken out regularly - it's often dull (4)
8 Scots jockeys ride thus, as Lester did with English gee-gee, fantastically (12)
10 Troy laid waste with utis, beset by visiting army? (8)
12 Perhaps clean rug, reverse of ideal, wherein mites shelter (7)
13 Surgical cutter botched cure with slash internally (8)
14 Volunteers were positioned in volcanic rock look-out post (7)
17 Gleeman's medley? (7)
19 Miltonic record as found among what's left (6)
20 Attitude often accompanying work includes little new or foreign (6)
22 Number caught by toll, harsh (5)
23 Mystic well placed to overcome rising uncertainty (4)
24 Anchorage is found here (expansion section small unfortunately) (4)

Every word is in The Chambers Dictionary (2003) except one well-known propername.

