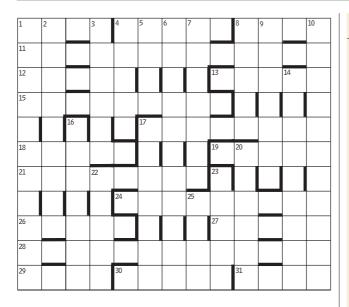
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ACROSS

- 1 'Smur', expression that's coming back (4)
- 4 Thesaurus, much esteemed look inside (5)
- 8 The old bring up page in court, historically (4)
- 11 Like plankton, first of countless swallowed by a sei (aha!), un peu upset! (13)
- 12 Interbank rate crucial in capital I borrowed (5)
- 13 Outside bit of tartine, part of crust that doesn't shift (5)
- **15** Dodgy cine includes rumour, poorly put together (9)
- 17 It yields resonant tone, rich and strong and oddly deep within (8, 2 words)
- 18 50% of academic institutions requiring time to expel (5)
- 19 Indian prohibition on even bits of nipa (5)
- 21 Lord many maltreated in arbitrary fashion (8)
- 24 Endless question: what *could* have made 'em cut out group of oaks? (9)
- 26 A host receives Earl So-and-so without warmth? (5)
- 27 Dispatch conveys latest from front line (5)
- *28 One attached to old ways, etc (13)
- 29 Source of medicinal oil accepted by trainee medic (4)
- **30** One creating 'Liberté et Fraternité' could give it *this*, Tante (5)
- **31** Those Scotch new miniature bottles, retrograde (4)

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Across 1, lurcher = glutton; 12, a f in clout is; 20, (G) reen; 22, 'wry tow'; 27, hag (rev.) in lana; 32, or + anag.; 34, ras in has.

Down 3, ref. Richard S. (1672-1729); 4, cf. lame; 6, y oof; 9, 0 still in pates; 10, aster in go + pod + a; 17, an + it (rev.); 25, tba in rag; 26, hidden rev.; 30, Ch. + a J, & lit.

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DOWN

- 1 Grocery van driver, say, called up about uniform? (11)
- 2 Stone with unusual markings I found in possession of vagabond (9, 2 words)
- 3 My mistake cheers! (6)
- 4 Cunning employee of Barnum and Bailey? (5)
- 5 First indication of hurricane due devastated plain? By no means (4)
- 6 Fun and games? You'll get piles e.g. swimming in lake (11)
- 7 Like Old Faithful's deposits to bury in centre of geyser soaring? (7)
- 8 Tesco operative will show where this bit of ice cream is kept (5)
- **9** A side-step by Jonny W, maybe? Very precise ((7)
- 10 Art tenet exploded about males in (possibly) Shakespearean discourse (11)
- 14 Wild creature, not quite devout, in tempter's clutches (9)
- **16** Feeling surfeit, being stuffed (7)
- 17 Monsieur entre deux rues recast as bottle turner (7)
- 20 Cam (as aforetimes) fed by river exhausted long ago (6)
- 22 Tough stuff excavated from below (5)
- 23 A crate (possibly) packed with hot pickle (5)
- 25 Old fiddle? This scam could produce most scare (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.