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ACROSS

- 1 Softens by boiling with hot oil in Scottish style (6)
- 8 Last of Christmas hamper went quickly (4)
- 12 Familiar name for the spotted ray (6)
- 13 Darling, to Brown? A duet I found devious (6)
- 14 Rag's clothing widely viewed in one? (6)
- **15** Heavy fare? (4)
- 16 One works for royalty, yet regal train is mishandled ... (13, 2 words)
- 19 ... For which I, ratty, will get upset with this top soldier (7)
- 20 Marry in old-fashioned style, page getting in pickle (6)
- 21 What hoodie wears, chest enveloped in leak? (6)
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- 23 'Smart set' descriptive of many Swiss? (7)
- 26 Blasted out the TV aria I accepted (13)
- 29 Secret launch site, partly demolished, put back (4)
- **30** One plotter of old, by being invisible, bought provisions earlier (6)
- 31 I powder round centre of wig indicating emphasis (6)
- 32 Cossack bigwigs sat lazily imbibing a draught? (7)
- 33 Seyton (not 'the old') possibly? (4)
- 34 What cook may work on as accompaniment for duck? (6)

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LITAS ('Printer's Devilry')

 H. Freeman (2 Landsdown Court, 30 Rundell Crescent, London NW4 3BW): Greens on, ba/ked brown, with capon warming (ref. Bali conference on climate change).

2 Dr E. Young (Reading, Berkshire): Big star for now, El/ton is: he's ahead of present takers. 3 M. Barley (Ower, Hampshire): The public's found lo/o offensive - there was a huge stink!

VHC (extra prizes) P. A. Cash, E. Cross, N. C. Dexter, A. S. Everest, J. Glassonbury, R. J. Heald, B. Jones, E. C. Lance, D. F. Manley, T. J. Moorey, R. S. Morse, R. A. Norton, R. J. Palmer, D. Parfitt, K. Rae, D. R. Robinson, D. J. Short, D. H. Tompsett, J. R. Tozer, A. Whittaker.

DOWN

- Gaps in cracked cast is what can cause liver problems (11)
- 2 Louis maybe calls in head of jardin for this imported feature? (4)
- 3 Something for recycling, part devoured by tailless terrapin? (5)
- 4 Soup polished off with relish? Oh, i.e. ——! (6)
- 5 The pay's awful? It sounds low, certainly (6)
- 6 Active cleaner I deployed round catch (11)
- 7 Thirsty? First pair on wagon supplying intake for the rest (4)
- 8 Mimosa a fellow planted under sun (5)
- 9 Turban: mine aloft, swept skywards, is found on railway (7)
- 10 What flies should avoid, or perish having landed on one, active (7)
- 11 Old divine, about Lenten struggling: 'Nobility no longer required' (11)
- 17 Pair formally dressed? They're dry more often than not (7)
- 18 Reworked lough, drained lake, one hears informally (7)
- 21 Tuber, one gobbled by kinkajou? (6)
- 22 Cyberspace image designed by Callatrava (name withheld) (6)
- 24 Means of access, nothing holding progress up (5)
- 25 Early time of year in the synagogue? If so, men'll become mean (5)
- 27 Meteorological stress creating driving mist (4)
- 28 Guy on board, good under sail (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.