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ACROSS

- 1 Fern in summer one gust knocked about (12, apostrophe)
- 10 Sucker, reverse of vintage, wearing Fijian sarongs (8)
- 12 Limited credit given to wife it's perplexing (4)
- 13 Section of wood in glebeland, a treed hollow (6)
- 15 Female pupil to move on after page repetition from memory (8)
- 16 Weekend indulgence? Only the most illustrious get to this state (5)
- 17 'Dead' relative, male, falling in conflict (5)
- 18 What denotes Franz's work, miscellany of études: 'God grant ...' (7, 2 words)
- 20 Flex, central part removed by the sound of it (4)
- 21 In Lent a pukeko's off-limits for Maoris (4)
- 23 Kids lie when subjected to 'therapy' (aversion) (7)
- 25 Tray of complimentary sweets? It's hard to miss (5)
- 27 Peanuts? They may be green or black (5)
- 29 You'll see me, enveloped by what's boring, in the Land of Nod (8)
- 31 Bishop accepts Roman before primitive Methodist (6)
- 32 Ancient scroll containing nothing in a straight line, almost (4)
- 33 The French National, in person, exhibiting 'beneficial occupation' (8)
- 34 Gardener's garters, form of garden straps I'll be in (12, 2 words)

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Across 1, asper² + ill in gums; 12, I in hus(h); 15, a R on all in MS; see yabby; 18, loo in taka; 22, Aene(as) T all in epic; ref. Aeneid; 24, C + Had(R)ian; 30, comp. anag.; 32, lover with I at end + ay.

Down 2, so + anag.; 3, 'prize'; 4, hidden rev.; 5, anag. less bra; 6, lalan(g) in lad; 7, anag. incl. 0; 9, Fr. = hand; 10, chai (Indian tea) + traces (rev.); 11, ct if in anag.; 16, red a in fine; 21, km in Milan; ref. Benny Hill hit song; 27, Z in zee (qv); 28, (SW)eden.

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DOWN

- 2 Curtain material to last (though old), fringing centre of crib (6)
- 3 Cavity? Badly lacking what dentist has to employ? (5)
- 4 Bottom row? Not us (4)
- 5 Defamed and displaced ruler's died (7)
- 6 Late Perpendicular quarter of transept full of ivy (5)
- 7 Nasty predicament for George W? He's in one frantically grabbing line (9)
- 8 Good elevation may render one speechless (6)
- 9 A double, taken cyclically guide to loftier regions? (6)
- 10 Burnsian bawdiness from old school failure, uninteresting (10)
- 11 Sleeper strangely secretive, in a league of his own? (10)
- 14 It's used to treat cancer, moulded in plastic (9)
- 19 Limit e.g. scarlet round centre of escutcheons, tripartite (7)
- 21 Arched Indian portal in honour of local prince (6)
- 22 Displaying ambitious rivalry, possibly venial? (6, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 24 King crazy about love's lashes (6)
- 26 Old bird, 50, in antiquated outfit? (5)
- 28 Grecian locale: —— I-licence is required for flogging in it? (5)
- 30 There's no climbing on grand timber tree (4)