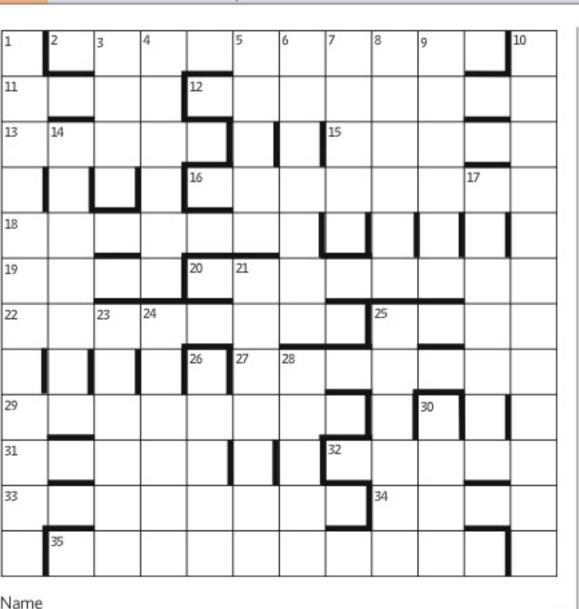
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ACROSS

- 2 A written message ER's left in handbag: simple operation songs (10)
- 11 Force in liquor once prevalent (4)
- 12 Daughter after messy rape in discharge when case is heard? (8)
- 13 Hummus ingredient, essential in such an appetizer (5)
- 15 Failed to interest committee by the sound of it (5)
- 16 Rather seasonable, I'm in workshop (not afternoon opening) (8)
- 18 Gelato, multi-layered: add single round slice of peach (7)
- 19 Lily's family member finding love in Morocco? (4)
- 20 Balloon? One rotates when it's windy (8)
- 22 Briefly left, a sprog's ruined soft lawn constituent (8)
- 25 Discotheque in part satisfies function (for mathematicians) (4)
- 27 Limit on Jock's inheritance, inferior part to remain (7)
- 29 Inky fluid, form of a tar once mixed (8)
- 31 Bit of elixir after yardarm time? Not a single! (5)
- 32 What'll excite one with single Italian female? A steamy affair (5)
- 33 Warhorse at Crécy is restrained by fidgety rider (8)
- 34 Nag, see, with home guard duties? (4)
- 35 Ramshackle estate's including little more than a yard marked mosaically (10)

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Across 1, 'quicks' 0 try; 11, anag. in feel; 13, so (rev.) in mel; 17, 'colic'; 20, an tip ode; ref. Katherine Mansfield, NZ-born poet; 25, anag. + Ge; 27, comp. anag.; 32, OK in iro(n); 34, tie in anag.; 35, os

Down 1, comp. anag. & lit.; 4, ref. Max Factor, brand of cosmetics; 5, cf. ranter; 8, E solo in anag.; 9, see (rev.) in Lide; 19, air al(I) if (all rev.); 23, hidden & lit.; 26, comp. anag. & lit.; K. Livingstone known to breed newts as pets; 28, cf. taler; 29, sed es (L) = but you (sing.) are.

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DOWN

- Old sonata RCA broadcast staccato, presto (12, 2 words)
- 3 From a distance a ranch appears endless (4)
- 4 Mention French beloved I twice abandoned (6)
- 5 Curly tail, note it may occur at rear of dog or pig (5)
- 6 Drunken spree? I'm in there for chemical compounds (7)
- 7 Dec/Jan period? It's important to contemplate Bethlehem (5)
- 8 Wags they'll stir it on the Net (6)
- 9 Raft I'd steered wrongly, off course (6)
- 10 Hot and dry, ill? Additional pay deployed for e.g. treatment in pool? (12)
- 14 Useless plant-house ruined organism meiotically affected (7)
- 17 Uncle e.g. with initial cut, feeling very pleased (7)
- 21 Chophouse showing the meatier English chops? Not them (7)
- 23 Spongy old narrative nothing in it (6)
- 24 Was running time in Gilbert & Sullivan shortened, making allowances? (6)
- 25 Filthy sink roughly packed with broken coal (6)
- 26 Quantities of corny stuff broadcast in Morse (5)
- 28 Messenger no good having got stuck into ale, squiffy (5)
- 30 Country spot appearing in aquatints (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.