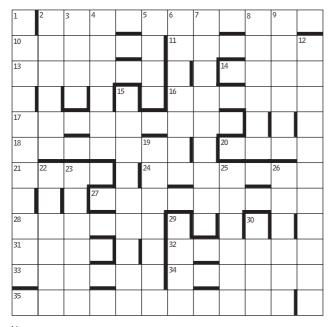
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ACROSS

- 2 Pastor with Christian organization, officer commanding spirited pauperization on a grand scale (11)
- 10 Man taking in backward brother, a plonker? (6)
- 11 Primitive statue having cross on, unnamed in short (6)
- **13** Waxy secretion limiting collapse in personal appearance (6)
- 14 Tibetan's crossbred 'cow' endless delight when second follows (4)
- **16** Oars on Med may have churned sea with this old warship (6)
- **17** Curtail *one* King's offering in particular day round Xmas? (9)
- 18 Like a recessed portico, i.e. not seen among frivolities (7, 2 words)
- 20 'Hark, a pean, ——!' Possibly Shakespearean (say no more)? (4)
- 21 Small evergreen from Malta, a stunner (4)
- 24 Baboons showing reverse of depression in chattering? (7)
- 27 Beans from tin: diner's insides, ill, upset after that (9)
- **28** One bearing message from Conservative infiltrating union, disguised (6)
- 31 Crown of poetry received by Marinetti, a Roman (4)
- 32 Bit of fencing equipment restricts work, extended work (6)
- 33 Unsaturated hydrocarbon? There's little left in dry fruit (6)
- 34 Dog running free in manses? (6)
- **35** Female behind observed when pancake race is run? (11)

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Theme: Black Maria, the Queen of Spades, cf. 'three card trick', 'Find the Ladv'.

Across 1, na + a in cart; 13, Az(ed) + tec; 14, a L past 0; 16, bish(op); 17, e in dirt (rev.); 19, leg + anag; 21, gen Erato r; 24, e in arar; 30, i.e. art ex; 32, lot in all in guile; see maiden; 33, a unt(l'd)y.

Down 1, I c in anag; 4, I in roster; 5, anag. in tons; 7, cf. able; 8, I'm a tat (rev.), & Iit.; 9, Dec. in deer (all rev.); 15, PE + anag. + sane; 18, a gas aga; ref. Joanna Trollope; 20, B in anag. incl. c; ref. AMND; 22, C in let in; 23, i.e. tee (t) + pee (p) = tp; 25, i.e. d in rely; 27, wale² + r; 28, f in wet

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DOWN

- 1 Dime tip, mean for shifting baggage (11)
- 2 Partition writer put below short block of text (6)
- 3 The runner beans may be collected in this? (4)
- 4 Witch doctor? I'm housed by W. African chief, note (6)
- 5 The Apocalypse encompasses this biblical ruin (4)
- 6 Neat idea's bottled enzyme (7)
- 7 Synthetic fibre company no longer use, receiving order (9)
- 8 Lack of energy I detected in an 'ostel for the afflicted? (6)
- **9** Perry e.g., American, with a distinctive head (6)
- 12 Note, dinner's specially cooked for one living elsewhere (11)
- **15** Poet's rule past? I urge on at working (9)
- 19 One refuses to acknowledge topless ladies in Rome, right? (7)
- **22** Eagle? One left short landing in water (6)
- 23 Melanesians? One in reggae dancing flipped (6)
- 25 One sugar: not quite the whole portion (6)
- **26** Describing e.g. Machu Picchu a faculty head includes little new (6)
- 29 No longer call troops up with ending of conscription (4)
- 30 Failure of duty, leader of Labour being absent in recess (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. It gives **18** at the entry for the root form of its second element.