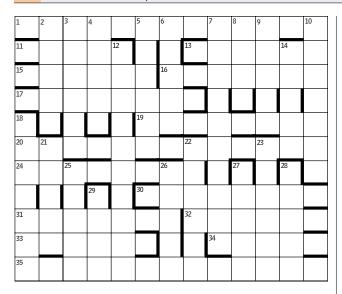
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ACROSS

- 1 Somewhat like hedgehogs hounds etc ruin when let loose (13)
- 11 Extreme fastidiousness requires cutting short fried cakes (5)
- **13** Martial art get-up? None is found in first chapter of OT book maybe (6)
- 15 Rather given to gap-filler in school-leaving exams (6)
- **16** Petroleum constituents yielding carbon upper house rejected (7)
- 17 Grouse e.g. having to belt round rostrum from behind (8, 2 words)
- **19** Brown bone drinks-case (8)
- **20** Write with pithy wit? Crackers poet has it, penning attempt at riddle maybe (13)
- 24 Native encampment lots reach, dropping in (8)
- 30 Tumult in epic damaged ear bone (8)
- 31 Festive WI meal producing alternative to gingham? (7)
- **32** Floral festoon: rent one to go round centre of stage (7)
- 33 Shrubs from Iceland providing home for parasites (6)
- **34** Unarmed knight felt age-old longing ... (5)
- 35 ... bewitching old crones tell deviously, ensnaring males (13)

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Across 1, ham in sans (Fr = without); 8, plato(on); 13, moo + yes (rev.) + ard; 15, belie(f); 16, record in t(om)e; 20, do wry; 23, p + e in attend; 30, a meri cano(n); 31, on in ct + RAF + got to; 32, anag. + e; 33, anag. in ft.

Down 1, Saul (Bellow, US novelist) + t; 4, 'mows'; 5, anag. + r in topical; 7, pert in anag.; 8, bu(IIy) in prey; 11, see full orders at order; 17, ca. + strov(e) (rev.); 18, as in canta(loupe); 19, an in tach; 20, i.e. de-sire; 22, SA (South Australia) + moa; 25, to ped (rev.); 29, poor (rev.); ref. a frog in the throat.

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DOWN

- 2 Verse form: aces will exploit Arabic use (5)
- **3** Xmas offender with goose shocker! (6)
- 4 Like industrial-style furnishings inflicted on 'our' community (5)
- **5** Nitro blasted opening in elvan rock (6)
- 6 Bones curve when seen from below (5)
- 7 Tailored suit, OTT on a remote farm down under (10)
- 8 Estate in the far north, marshy, pal abandoned (4)
- **9** Part of equipment on a lock according to key (5)
- **10** Was contemptuous of including honorific neglected (7)
- 12 Deputy choirmaster altered Bach tuners upset about that (10)
- 14 Class joints? (5)
- **18** Women's game that's arrived I bet climbing's included (7)
- 21 Cause dismay in switching opening pair, pontificating? (5)
- 22 Mediaeval weapon gave power to a battering from below (6)
- 23 I. Kant perplexed English pupils in first year? (6)
- **25** Pan e.g. inverted for late-ripening fruit (5)
- 26 Discontinued brand leaves warehouse without pot? (5)
- 27 Large drink, a crush spiked with a tincture (5)
- 28 Note (brief) new underwear? (5)
- 29 Peru coat may be made from ——? True (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.