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ACROSS

- 1 When it's dry, stalk (as one hears), making strides (4)
- 4 Father's condition? Hopes dashed when opening spleen (8)
- **10** Watch a queen being placed between knight and king (4)
- 11 What can 10 mean? I v value bagging it (8)
- **12** Fine material, newspaper's hallmark? (8)
- **14** Unattached male at party round north pole (5)
- **15** Soul greeting enlightenment? (5)
- 17 Part of gem-cutter's kit in a drawer, among tins (7)
- **19** One whose work is irregular rarely tips Mossad off (10)
- **20** Dish like blanquette de veau? (Cut leg in case going wrong) (10)
- 23 Ship's captain housing most of company aboard vessel (7)
- **26** Capital: rupees in fractions thereof mostly (5)
- **28** End of stick in bottom should get elephant moving! (5)
- **29** Bell maybe favoured in chambers? They're certainly not grand (8)
- **30** Begins section in alimentary canal (8, 2 words)
- **31** Administrative trainee accepted by company, one of two noted for sternness (4)
- **32** Square smiters of the ball tops (8)
- 33 Portion of whisky a tumblerful necessary in Rangoon (4)

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Across 1, nightwat + HMincan; see Charlie; 14, rein arts; 15, art in anag, less c; 17, iris + her; 24, puke + KOs; 30, une as E; 31, 3 meanings; 33, pen + drag on + ship.

Down 1, cf. nut chop; 5, comp. anag; 6, Rin cogi(tate); ref. Queen's pets; 8, m e'er; 9, hidden & lit; see def. in C.; 10, mal +ague + n/a; 12, anag. + an't (qv); 18, 'll in rot + op; 19, tar in red; 21, AB + razo(r); 23, on in anag; 29, pel(ot) on.

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DOWN

- 1 King's lad, up, on piano for a caper? (5)
- 2 Soft inside, reheat a chopped groundnut (8)
- **3** Caribbean music, unspecified, includes king in reggae dances (6)
- 4 Ice cone delivered by GPO? (5)
- 5 She'll play lead character of plenty in Norma, grabbing notice? (10, 2 words)
- **6** Cheers going up on Sabbath for old-style engagements (6)
- **7** Extremely busy A-road that I worked round (8,3 words)
- 8 Sexual activity? Then check prurience (4)
- **9** Is sleep disturbed? This should keep child warm (7)
- **13** Pale green primate taken in half dead (10)
- 16 Singer rarely seen today, way ward star restricted by censor (8)
- **18** Outside allotment: a great amount is raised, about quarter consumed (8)
- **19** Quarantine maybe on board ship creating lather? (7)
- **21** Wrong form of mincer (6)
- **22** Grass, one interrupting flower? (6)
- 24 Church proclamation from bishop for instance, including names (5)
- 25 The old get pie-eyed, shortly about to throw up (5)
- 27 Sally sometimes showing off, escaping from fling (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended. It gives **15** as part of a longer compound.