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Clues are of two types. In each of the acrosses, the cryptic part leads to the answer to be entered and the definition part leads to an anagram of that answer. In each of the downs, the definition part leads to the answer to be entered and the (cryptic) remainder leads to an anagram of that answer. All grid entries and anagrams thereof may be verified in The Chambers Dictionary (2011), except for the anagram at 5 Across and the grid entry at 18 Down, both of which are (possibly unfamiliar) proper names. Bracketed numbers after clues refer throughout to grid entries.

## ACROSS

1 Hired leader of chorus just before first part of play? (5)
5 Guy's place? Very good existence, right inside it (8)
11 Cat brought back duck - then another (4)
12 The old agree a long time is taken over bagging rubbish (6)
13 Aged slave showing contempt when ring's removed (4)
14 Up-lighters? Singers without us messed up rites (9)
15 Woman crazy about ultimate in elegance (4)
17 Clothes abruptly reduced by $50 \%$ (4)
18 Stormy sea swallowing sailors - a trap (5)
19 A cross ex-Gl given zilch (4)
21 Swears foully in the Nile shifting ship's ability to hold a certain course (13, 3 words)
25 As in Scotland, flay old deer, head to tail (4)
26 It's no good imbibing one Scotch flavoured with geneva (5)
28 Scratch front of chalice with pointed instrument (4)
30 Retreat: a month quietly spent (4)
31 Being a member of the upper house, has briefly ingested what's designed to treat some diseases (9)
32 Obtain adult entrance (4)

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## PRIZERULES

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33 Attic Greek absorbs class(6)
34 Sewing-case, something kept in boudoir once (4)
35 Early bike, not quite modern one - wobbly ride's following (8)
36 Call for help penning exercises? Possibility (5)

## DOWN

1 Make-up specialist once muddled has one coated in gum resin (11)
2 One's caught by sharper end of hammer - it stops one breathing (5)
3 Former damage - lessthanhalf of classkept in found innocent (7)
4 In fit condition for rough ocean, ship's bow engulfed in it (8, 3 words)
5 Like this hooker's penetrating call to the pack of old? (4)
6 Showing full alertness and savvy, ergo quivering inside (11, 3 words, apostrophe)
7 Salt pork stuffed with bits of thyme and eggplant (6)
8 Civet runs in group of seven traditionally? (5)
9 Section of garden's early requirements (5)
10 Girl holding e.g. grand fashioned cloche (11)
16 German planes in service, fault-free - race to climb on board (8)
20 Production reduced by half round way ward Nile left deficient Egyptian (7)
22 Second-generation immigrant, a son at home in south-east (6)
23 Truly 'thankless child', last character to move to centre scale? (5)
24 Dimteller of tales loses following at the start (5)
27 Explosive self-absorption (version rejected) (5)
29 Old ladder to hang on rear of garage (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. It gives the anagram of 16 by implication only.

