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- ACROSS
- 5 Cheeky tyke of old, beatnik pursuing women (8)
- 12 Bracteoles, colourless, bordering drainage channel (6)
- 13 Swimming, what a holiday-maker seeks in part of Australia (6)
- **14** Cowpat maybe has disfigured green (gee not involved) (5)
- **15** Lament what's dreadful about Government (5)
- **16** Unit in clock, one directing course (8)
- 17 Bit of meat from duck wrapped in the same (rolled) (4)
- **18** Smoke selection of free cheroots (5)
- **21** Hearing aid dispersing endless otic fog and rancor! (12, 3 words)
- **22** Agile SA native, nuts maybe about kisses, a cracker (12)
- **27** Most of fine man weaves in filaments perhaps (5)
- 29 Damage that's terminal in watch you repair last (4)
- **30** Stomachs a transparent plastic turned after end of dinner (8)
- **32** Avoid old clergyman spouting Latin initially (5)
- **33** Cheese to put in inverted cooking pan (5)
- **34** Force once almost bent back restrictive ligaments (6)
- **35** Minos's mum recalled regret having love with dad (6)
- **36** Padre, forgetting middle bit, droned terribly, getting slower and softer (8)

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PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- **1** Puts out smoke? One's lacking in p's and q's (8)
- 2 Tourer maybe, with haste filling notebook (6)
- **3** Scots livid about mass censure (5)
- 4 Cross about euro, even ones spent? This one's worthless (4)
- 6 Operant managed with three bugs? Only one (12)
- 7 Royal French and English tense, with loosely tinted edging woven on shield (12)
- 8 Cleric prayed fervently with no end of sincerity (5)
- 9 Cheeses keep tipping over on board? (8)
- **10** King in suit that was turned up in card game once (5)
- **11** G is *this* in rising triad here (6)
- **19** Rotter takes in ceramist almost comprehensively defeated at cards (8)
- **20** Begin to contact a spiritual being, as Rev. Spooner might have it (8, 2 words)
- 24 Sea-serpent? Head in ocean almost seen rearing (6)
- 25 Votary teaching religion in service, rising (5)
- **26** Sleuth's passion, I admire new clothes? (5)
- 28 Guardian out abroad, in Turkey (5)
- **31** Timeless cage for flounders? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.