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- **3** He'll demand hog roast's properly cooked, a little pink inside? (10)
- **10** Act as mother with needle producing old doublet (9)
- **12** Deviation one reversed in telecom systems (4)
- 13 Old fig? Fruit gone off makes this gin (6)
- 14 It's for engraving stone at edges of quarry, say (6)
- **15** Trouble with sailors on deck (5)
- **16** Former king's companion Henry introduced to function beside earl (5)
- 17 Internal disorder, a product of bile it isn't (7)
- 19 Jagger that girl's about stuck on (8)
- 22 Saddle guard to parade when galloping (8)
- **24** Short storm at sea? A tartidied up after culmination (7)
- **27** Ex Olympic champion runs in challenge once? A large number trailing (5)
- **29** Gary, the skipper? (6, 2 words)
- **31** Limb may be such, spread alongside artist (6)
- **32** Virgil's name (Roman possibly) for 'crustacean' (5)
- 33 Box made of a lump of wood, ebony (not thin) (4)
- **34** They cut what's dry, by Auster withered (9)

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Across 1, nin in opiate; 12, ref. port of Rome classically; navis (L) = ship; 14, a in bride; ref. The Taming of the Shrew; 16, pr. octo R; 18, linebon (rev.); 20, p+ anag; 26, ma in anag; 29, i.e. novel E (rev.); 31, 'clear coal'; 32, ere in pass S; 33, comp. anag.

Down 1, viol(ence); 2, try in boose; 5, nap in ut; 6, BR in lays; 8, iin dot, & lit.; 9, ado in anag. +e; 15, Cam in anag; 19, RU + op (rev.) in bean; 23, (c) leaner; 26, wets (qv) (rev.).

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed Mo. 2,323**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add abrief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judgedbest.

35 E.g. Yankee leader messily tucked into pud (10)

DOWN

- 1 A moth's poo is chomped up in spider's abdomen (11)
- **2** Lots of Scots following couple climbing height (5)
- **3** Medicinal resin, sticky stuff, nursemaid with copper brought in (8)
- 4 Chap from e.g. Somerset, we hear, goes on a bender (6)
- **5** Regular visitor to feeder? Cat finally caught it (6)
- 6 Part of fossicker's equipment, his first included in loot (6)
- 7 Film company making whoopee after Alpha Male? (6)
- 8 Aware of regular parts of cognition (4)
- 9 Old catapult one sees go off course, breaking support (7)
- 11 Dreadful loss with pennies, and with nothing to retire on (11)
- **18** The disorderly throng includes English alfresco in the highlands (8)
- **20** Pop star performing flip scoffed hoot (7)
- **21** Leave tick in urn (6)
- 23 What can ease a sprain? Swirling air can (6)
- 24 Poet's cat, 'orny with partner around (6)
- 25 Treviso forward Vatican punished (not Catholic) (6)
- **28** Bore offering thin fare marks falling off (4)
- **30** Stretch of tundra developed, no longer awe-inspiring (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.