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ACROSS

- **4** Moses initially is found beside biblical river did it involve some gambling? (9)
- **10** Rich cake, new, with a part that's thickly iced on (8)
- 11 What'll form link, physically? Name certain circles (4)
- **13** Poet's spun line in earth recalled (5)
- **14** Peacock's name (not the first) for duck (4)
- 15 Callow youth at home with related group mostly (6)
- **16** One who's posed a simple task (6)
- 17 H. Corbett? 'E junked bit of kitchen metalware (9)
- **20** Delilah learning how to finish off 'knight' cut coiffure (7)
- 22 Contact sport is about number united falling down (7)
- **26** Upset, tad worried? Not I this may counter venomous attack (9)
- 28 Poet's displaying shock, making haste to grab attention (6)
- 29 County clubs (rather on the thin side?) (6)
- 31 Bring in plant shoot before end of autumn (4)
- **32** Stagger after Scotch? Add this to get fit (5)
- **33** NZ hooter curtailed score twice (4)
- **34** Chlorate damaged opening for tendon maybe (8)
- **35** Like demanding demoiselle, former flame eating out with end of affaire (9)

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Across 12, anag. less hour, & lit.; 14, Pb+ a in anag.; 15, British car marque; 16, (s) crew & 2 meanings; 21, (m) yopes (rev.); 24, anag. incl. I, lit=drunk; 27, b at S & 2 meanings; 32, TTinkai; 34, anag, + RN.

Down 2,0 in report (rev.); ref 'swear like at.'; 3, ref. 'as pants the h. for cooling streams'; 6, pere + anag. in 00; 7, (p) rope(r): 8, anag. incl. d; 10, sark(y): 11, old in G, S + tick*; 13, alternate letters in in stay; 17, e + Pilate(s); 19, ref. cock—crow; 23, pp for RR in hurrah; 26, alar (m); ref. 20 Dn; 28, anag. less go.

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DOWN

- 1 Old secessionist, I burnt with rage, festering, hot inside (11)
- **2** Former skipper but opener for Notts (4)
- 3 Lesser followers? Homer's fourth taking the lead I'll follow (7)
- 4 Grim deity showing want to dominate church (6)
- **5** Suite surrounding queen with happiness (6)
- **6** One's usually drunk when tucking into snifter (5)
- 7 Like chemical solutions often shortening life in medicine container (7, 2 words)
- **8** Basic food for soldiers identified by rank (5)
- **9** Where some Vectian folk may be found leaving out note for artificer? (8)
- **12** Marine echinoderm exhibiting wiggly pertness sailor's after (11)
- **18** At Le Gavroche, the water used in thickening for rolls (8)
- **19** Smart (?) milliner fashioned items for clothing on demand (7)
- 21 Twice as much ordered with twice coming in (7)
- 23 Tiny marine organism hiding in stones (6)
- **24** Heavy blow accompanying explosive? Bandage required (6)
- **25** Bear by the sound of it in Aussie eucalypt (5)
- **27** Government department pay, year short (5)
- **30** Made it, that is entering one's personal area of control (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. One answer is an abbreviation therein.