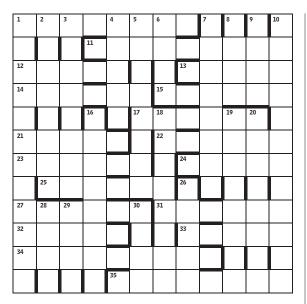
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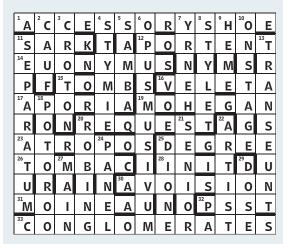
- 1 Aid to driver's prospect, we'll engage one cracking whips (8)
- 11 What's smoked oyster I've trimmed, included in Spanish dish? (9)
- **12** Bond girlfriend no longer enthralled by union (5)
- **13** Malay craft fixed oars up, not old (5)
- **14** Feature of nude, informal? Artist added in touches (6)
- **15** Eastern vessel in trouble, second going for quays (6)
- 17 Chinese communist exchanging extremes for religion (6)
- 21 Spain in grip of opulent foreign empire (5)
- 22 Cheer in school for what Scottish climber attempts? (6)
- 23 Woven lisle, new purchase by retailer (6)
- 24 Lost movement in Holst I restored (5)
- 25 Sliver of noisette consumed red? (6)
- 27 Early Irish settlers having forewarning about e.g. Columba (6)
- **31** Abbreviated transactions shut out the known facts (6)
- **32** Mackellar's unable to sing properly, poorly about opening of opera (5)
- 33 A day I had in France, so long there (5)
- **34** Feature of breakfast course round oven (9, 2 words)
- **35** Source of nourishing juice stirred kilter inside me (8)

Down

- 1 Doings at Davos? Tense porter's employed with gains around (12, 2 words)
- 2 Dog, one breed that's trained with measure of dash (8)
- 3 Instrument for chopping a slate suitable for one's rockery (8)
- 4 Last of a casserole used as starter to avoid this? (5)
- **5** Producer of ferrous sulphate modified skin shade (8)
- 6 Saint Simon? (Could be a catch) (4)
- 7 To go through exercises run quickly round area (8)
- 8 Some real barren mounts, bleak in the Cairngorms? (4)
- 9 Wretched waste in the sea (4)
- 10 Old dance? Assume a spree is wrong for it (12)
- **16** Expectant woman's affliction? Reduced energy immobilizes end of pregnancy (8)
- **18** Signifying 'doer', one brought in untangled a tangle (8)
- 19 Silence one noisy row? Increasingly tricky (8)
- **20** Noblewoman is bent, in grip of chronic fatigue (8)
- **26** Fabric mark? A firm's upset with *this* (5)
- 28 Dip in the loch section, low but rising? (4)
- **29** Child holding adult perfectly (4, 3 words)
- **30** Edible seaweed? Me neither! (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, access + anag. + hoe; 11, ref. Dame of S.; 14, U in anag. + US; 15, ref. traditional song, 'Tom B(owling)'; 16, telev(ision) (rev.) + α ; 19, oh! in Megan; 23, apropos with t for p; 26, b in to Mac; 28, sv in¹; 32, i.e. p(o)ss(e)t. Down 2, c + u in a, f; 5, m in abas (rev.); 6, anag. incl. v; 7, vr + n + HE (rev.); 11, a RA in septum; 13, tra(l)n + anag.; 18, to r, o in poo; 20, Robin G(ibb); ref. pop group; 24, cf. plane; 25, mother of Aphrodite; see etym. at Dionaea; 27, Fr. = hand.

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