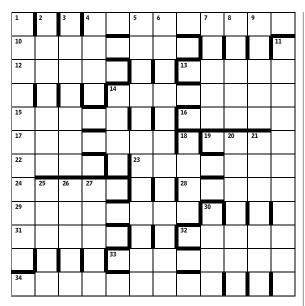
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Across

- 4 Intense longing a former athlete held in pulsating chest (9)
- **10** I vary resistance, i.e. record ohm cut in a way (8)
- **12** Cultivate last of clay, of boulder type (5)
- 13 Old poet, inferior, first of poems written out in exercise book (5)
- **14** Queen once, suffering her fate? That's fishy (8)
- **15** Individual plant penetrating out-of-date market from the east (5)
- **16** Very odd pieces found in sales (5)
- 17 Stole skinned hare trapped by hunter (7)
- 19 Fields by waterway where (one might assume) gondoliers are found? (4)
- 22 Pa quitting field of play, once beaten (4)
- 23 Lenten Sabbath dashed real tea (7)
- 24 Taking part in demo, tend to hold back? Far from it (5)
- **28** A din reverberating round constant battery (5)
- **29** Fish among rocks, proceeding left to right? (8)
- **31** Geordie, first to last defenceless (5)
- **32** Trees yielding sticky stuff India disgorged? (5)
- **33** Journey regularly round length on Asian river, more than once? (8)
- **34** One of twelve in US showing ermine off among leaders (9)

Down

- 1 Result of bone fusion skill hid sores after surgery (11)
- 2 Aniseed liquor turned up in tea, an Indian 'fiddle'? (7)

- **3** Millions involved in endless festival, a lifesaver (7)
- **4** SA bird, rather shy about love's first letter (4)
- **5** Concerning fish at sea caught by strong rope, it's within regulation (12)
- **6** Foundling home giving many hours with pal for Twist (12)
- 7 Woman in historical costume? Glance in Shakespeare (5)
- 8 Allow no escape from the mines (5, 2 words)
- 9 Editor takes in team to treat text thus? (5)
- 11 Being badly dressed in foreign country for closing dates of short visits? (11, 2 words)
- **14** A bird making love? (4, 2 words)
- **18** This Québecois, non-specified, property-owner is entitled to this (4)
- 20 Little old boat, one lacking in nothing, housing a radio transmitter (7)
- **21** Slender girl, ace to play around with (7)
- **25** Source of fur, ultimate in affluence a threatened species? (5)
- **26** Several outsiders tossed by rodeo nags in the arena (5)
- 27 It gives good shelter from Indian sun, being a long time in Pacific tree (5)
- **30** Part of hammer extracting centre from nut? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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