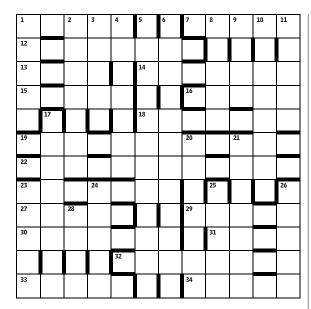
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Across

- 1 Get the better of, where love is involved? (5)
- 7 Trouble for the Scots mainly, undoing trust (5)
- 12 Grande passion, a trap for Jock with four involved (8, 2 words)
- **13** What'll make you go dizzy, knocked back? (4)
- 14 Ship's timber, fine bottom but not bow (7)
- **15** Drink cheers islander's beloved (5)
- **16** Boat people identifiable by a few short lines? (5)
- 18 Chapel: see one go here after church (7)
- 19 College swat learned laboriously such a one? (12)
- 22 A little bit astray, he's inside —one won't be cured (12, 2 words)
- 23 Common time in composer, American, one associated with merrymaking (7)
- **27** Business, one that's died, parts reallocated (5)
- **29** Grand jug, feature of crest, purple (5)
- **30** Salt mostly delayed, caught in storm (7)
- **31** Guy, last of gang trailing those in front (4)
- 32 I got 'gutted' in drunken revel, being a liberal-minded person (8)
- 33 Tower, a feature of museum in Arabia (5)
- **34** Cancel from bequest a reward reversed (5)

Down

1 I've strings, offering various introductions to Brad and Angelina Jolie (5)

- 2 Trebles I placed under of training of parson (7)
- 3 Dislodges judge removed from top of lists (5)
- **4** Cartel administered with energy and cajolery (7)
- **5** Ambitious climber, not on watch, about to freeze (12)
- **6** Like a strong gale, we'll be caught in turns with those at sea (12)
- 8 Painter Italy once rejected, a colossus (5)
- 9 Noodle, one that cook's captivated by (4)
- **10** Rachmanite, wretch trapping tiresome fool, see, had up (8)
- 11 Sweet wine: see message on gift to Katharine? (5)
- 17 Wife of prince he shuts in most of zenana with one (8)
- **20** See carpet in hall for what's spilt from salad bowl? (7)
- **21** Girl turned up in hat for husbandry (7)
- **23** What'll distinguish a woman abroad? For example being wrapped in sponge (5)
- 24 Source of vegetable oil, unknown in soft drink (5)
- **25** See one who wrote poetically of love, what few will have avoided (5)
- **26** Decorate with stones giving distinguished Turk a dash (5)
- **28** Depression that's unavoidable in singleness (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. It does not give 25 (which most will get).

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Across 11, qua in anag.; 13, comp. anag.; 15, i.e. 'ate Coke'; 19, one + by (rev.) in hunch; 29, th(is) in basalt's; 30, st. s round Arles (where V. van Gocgh lived at one time); ref. painting, 'The Starry Night'.

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