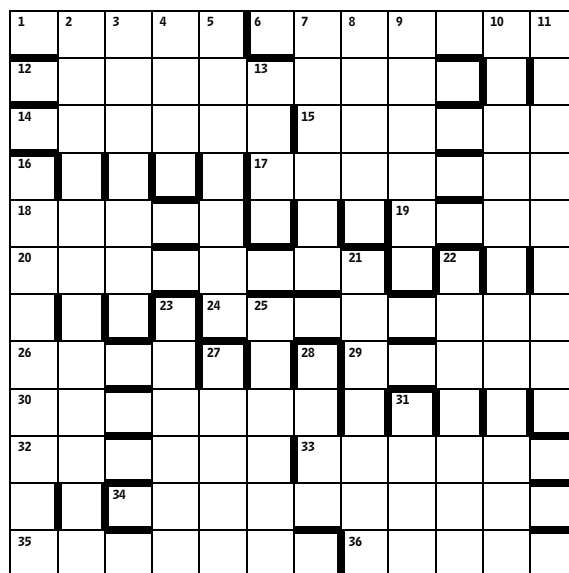


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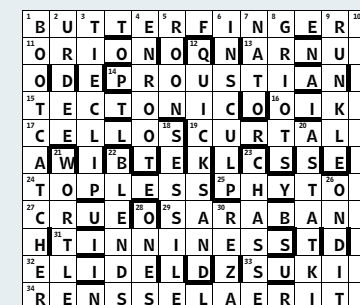
- 1 Old lock fools will have shifted back to front (5)
- 6 Poet's cause to bear clumsy poem with grin, lacking love (7)
- 12 Soak English tux, shabby, then comb, given dry-cleaning treatment? (10)
- 14 What's assumed in address? In this is example (6)
- 15 The old aim for vehicle operated remotely to partake of? (6, 2 words)
- 17 Piece of outstanding Italian art? Cheers (loudly) about position (7)
- 18 Pat of butter runs in liquid measure (5)
- 19 Sailor's slack shift (4)
- 20 Small fish, one nibbling on end of simple line (8)
- 24 Scrubbing return of TV in nightclub (8)
- 26 Some Ghanalians appearing in sweatshirts (4)
- 29 One endlessly waited for party having learnt about it (5)
- 30 Refreshing drink making a change to ace diet (7, 2 words)
- 32 Has (briefly) death-notice around life's end provided as once (6)
- 33 Lewdness free? Aged, released from that, cheer about it (6)
- 34 Earned endless pence with cord all tight? This performer might have (10, 2 words)
- 35 One rarely holds whip to improve defence in being surrounded (7)
- 36 Penniless, deny having to work, retaining energy (5)

Down

- 2 It shows minor change in weather; see Rosie cope with hat, going out (12)
- 3 Its flowers never fade, I see, in the country (7)
- 4 Army or navy in its natural element (4)
- 5 Unstable left embracing Conservative (7)
- 7 Rodent involved with making hole in wall as of old (6)
- 8 Part to south of Portugal that's popular (5)
- 9 Title of member of clergy I have come to (6)
- 10 Grating, adorned, see, I love relaxing inside (12)
- 11 Fame not unknown to surround most of ruling party? (9)
- 13 Spring maybe eclipsed by winter months (4)
- 16 Amuse-bouche, favourite I used as filling for stewed pears (9)
- 21 Monitor? Pin gold up on one (7)
- 22 Help I needed cutting a caper? (7)
- 23 Boy nets fish caught laterally (6)
- 25 See west-country river infuse from below (6)
- 27 Grass: it's coming up in spring (5)
- 28 Rock that's dark-coloured with a hint of red in (4)
- 31 Part of an erg, directly divisible by unit of measurement (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 11, O + 1 in r on; 13, anag. less a list; 14, pro (f)ustian; 17, cel. + anag.; 24, i.e. (s)top less(ons); 25, pH + t in yon; 27, cru(ise); 33, ref. S. Tawdry, character in *The Threepenny Opera*; forename variously spelt.

Down 1, anag. in botcher; 4, r in to one (rev.); 9, (t)runkle(ss); ref. Shelley, *Ozymandias*; 18, Liss (rev.) in see; 23, ass in che(at); 28, alternate letters; 30, former Persian royal family name.

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