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Across

- 1 Knight has king in for wallop (4)
 5 Strong drink? After school dozes, having imbibed pastis (not wines) (8)
 12 Nut tree, source of a cup Asia fashioned (8)
 13 Wader feeble, ailing internally (6)
 14 Writer's hollow task, article for the French (6)
 15 Almost bare in earth? Treatment with this is useless (8)
 16 Number attached to England, wavering about independence, without agreeing (10)
 17 That old-fashioned twinkle exhibited by man catching first sight of lass (5)
 19 Seek help with engraving (5)
 21 Set free once, so let out (5)
 25 Drum, one of a pair, is damaged? Could be ear skin (5)
 27 Earl unhappily admitted stress getting faster (10)
 29 Whereon to park stetsons fixed there, the lot included? (8, 2 words)
 31 Surgically remove bit of lump to nullify circles (6)
 32 State about to welcome European artist (6)
 33 Depots currently fashionable offering protection for banks (8)
 34 With tons etc crookedly caught in the act, spotted by the police? (8)
 35 Title of distinguished Japanese book, short one (4)

Down

- 2 Graze by the sound of it in northern pastures (4)
 3 What commuter catches in the morning, leaning back (first off) having caught elevated railroad (6)
 4 Nasty Aussie insect turned up entirely in belly (7, 2 words)
 6 Many pets love this – cover the top of round tin that's damaged (6)
 7 Former land-tax kept under wraps a long time (6)
 8 Tally about right, slightly off (5)
 9 Former idol, a divinity, put in personal appearance (6)
 10 Mantle, eastern, in puckered fabric (7)
 11 Cover for pair of GIs in camp the rest lent out (11, 2 words)
 12 Flax-cutter's tool, form of wand English waved (11)
 18 Bowling ball, over almost attracting affection (7)
 20 Trace rigidity without inner depth (7)
 22 Old helmet to recognize when lifted (6)
 23 The lady's upset for this reason? No longer (6)
 24 'Carry-on' woman with chaps endlessly is responsible for such a caper (6)
 26 A 'K' a Singh's deployed ... is this? (6)
 28 Call from a poet arrived with Latin in (5)
 30 What may accompany bill topping millions? It's grimy (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, m + anag. in cage; 10, (P)hili(p); 14, rum + ple(d); 18, comp. anag.; 21, ref. Beatrix Potter rabbits; 32, ref. Elon M.; 33, inn in shed; 35, ring + he in fee.

Down 4, anag. + it; 5, net tort rid (all rev.); 6, mutton = em-dash; 7, i.e. 'rip lieder'; 13, ref. P-sur-Saône; 29, (fl.)ag + ha.

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