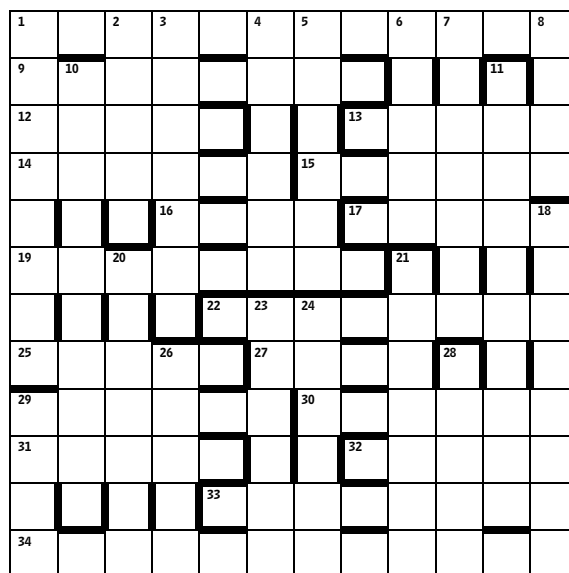


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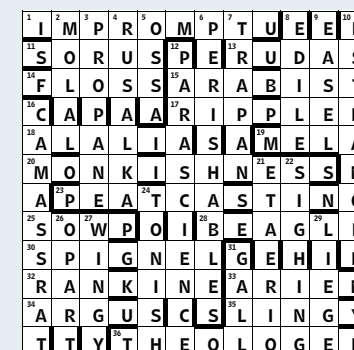
- 1** Winger maybe, balanced in part furthest from finishing (12)
- 9** A rude rep out of order, on his high horse? (8)
- 12** Health, disposing of last two bumped off (5)
- 13** To macerate, man cut with chopper (5)
- 14** After temperature, aunt's treated – some thought it cured anything (6)
- 15** Cross letters, cross one following up in the heat of the moment (6, 2 words)
- 16** Mow middle of pitch when sun is following (4)
- 17** Fatty stuff Greek character enclosed in cover (5)
- 19** Dead head giving one a sinking sensation (8)
- 31** Oil freely edging copper round windows (5)
- 32** Pour out Scotch, bitter fluid when dash of rum's included (5)
- 33** Some circuits I cede so, struggling, second to finish (8)
- 34** Depositor receives this mound to bury, set apart (12, 2 words)

Down

- 1** 'Strain every sinew'? Objection limits American refrain (8, 3 words)
- 2** Rattle-trap achieving constant speed (5)
- 3** Safe as in US, set out protected by Labour leader (7)
- 4** Rest dithering around, one heads north making way across border (6)
- 5** Derelict, touching failure (6)
- 6** Oriental porcelain I found by the sea, timeless (5)
- 7** Type of resin discerned around spilt pail (7)
- 8** Certain categories? Lot once accepted (4)
- 10** Affluent rulers, smart, left court rolling within (10)
- 11** Radical in medley creating super record (10)
- 18** Mixed studies with time seen as extremely old-fashioned (8)
- 20** Pacific islander unchanged after being brought up (7)
- 21** Better-looking woman's one captivated after James turns up? (7)
- 23** Évian added to wine? It damages hock (6)
- 24** Cadogan maybe, earl wearing 'Arry's topper uptilted (6)
- *26** Village head (5)
- 28** Explanation of Latin text (section in course) (5)
- 29** Dug round in dock (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, I'm + romp in anag.; 15, a bis in art; 17, I in (Jack the) Ripper; 20, anag + sh + n in mess; 28, cf a glebe; 35, g in liny; 36, log in anag.

Down 3, pa in prone?; 5, (col)ossa(l); 6, ER in anag.; 8, (s)edile; 12, anag. in pace; 16, mass in carat; 22, g, h, i in sing; 24, no. (rev.) in anag.; 29, I in (col)lege; 31, gall(op).

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