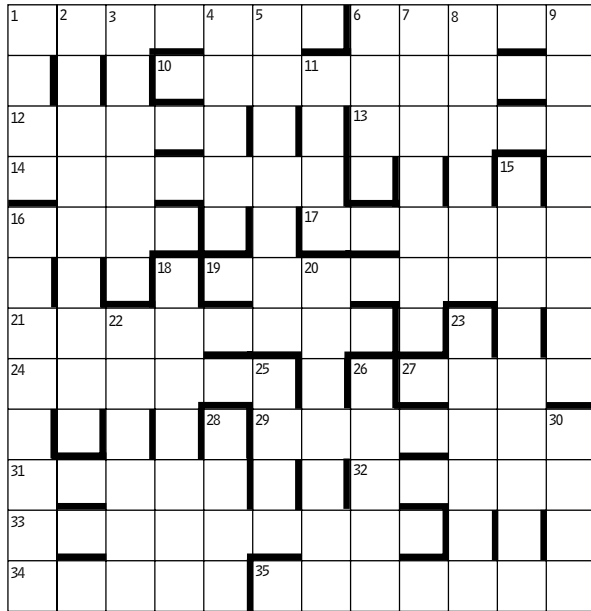


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From the answer to each clue the solver must omit one letter wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. Definitions in the clues refer to the full, unmutated answers; subsidiary indications, such as anagrams etc, refer to the mutilated forms to be entered in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the full lengths of unmutated answers. The letters omitted, read in clue order, form a vaguely appropriate quotation which may be found in the *ODQ*.

ACROSS

- 1 Returned coat sheltered versatile sportsperson (10)
- 6 Hominid British Museum located in hospital? (6)
- 10 Sending up agent in grotesque (11)
- 12 Soul e.g., universal in lover right away (8)
- 13 A knight holding Spain more attractive to the palate (7)
- 14 Being clan chief, the one in Scotland's given a wee dram (9)
- 16 Birds pecking at nuts? It's dry inside (5)
- 17 Gets boat wrecked on island (7)
- 19 In Oz, dirt's thrown – she'll recognize financial misdeeds (9)
- 21 Layers of tissue wrapped up an old hit (10)
- 24 Nurse with regressive style of living – it's a measure of disorder (7)
- 27 Anoints (finally) saintless, odd characters departing (6)
- 29 Energy with woodland containing power, stripped of trees etc (8)
- 31 Too bright in Scotland for orienteering? This may be seen inside (6)
- 32 Millinery item a coarse fellow cut back (6)
- 33 Light lubricant shifted line, penetrating damage (10, 2 words)

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B	I	O	A	S	S	A	Y	A	M	B	O
U	U	A	P	O	T	R	O	P	A	I	C
G	R	I	L	L	A	D	E	S	I	T	K
W	E	T	A	E	T	A	M	I	N	C	E
O	M	P	N	D	I	S	A	S	T	E	R
R	A	T	A	N	O	C	A	L	A	S	H
T	R	I	T	O	N	A	R	E	I	K	I
P	I	L	S	E	N	E	R	G	N	A	R
A	T	O	P	Y	E	S	K	S	I	T	E
P	I	S	U	H	E	T	A	I	R	I	A
A	N	I	M	A	M	U	N	D	I	N	G
W	A	S	E	A	B	S	T	E	R	G	E

Across 1,0 in bias + say; 10, anag. + pai/c; 13, wet (qv) + A; 16, anag. less n; 21, rit. in to n; 22, lin' iker (rev.); 23, sen in anag.; 28, 'sight'; 29, anag. + lin aria; 31, was e; 32, ab + egrets (rev.).

Down 2, ure + mar it in l, i; 5, Tati (French film director) in son (Fr. = his); 7, pin as is; 9, see hocker; 12, anag. ref. John Curry, former skating star; 18, i.e. ca(n)le stu(n)s; 20, hil + (Pauline) Réage, pen-name of French author Anne Desclos; 24, first letters; 27, ref. Immanuel K. (1724–1804); see cant'.

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- 34 Whine like peevish bairn in being denied train set at the end of ride (6)
- 35 Against some French? Napoleon's flanks caught in that heavy barrage (9)

DOWN

- 1 Dismissal, number being involved in corruption (6)
- 2 Interaction with environment, idea nutter endlessly developed (12)
- 3 Land rights meant disposing of drainage channel with fool around (9)
- 4 Woolly line on organ (6)
- 5 Formerly tedious reprimand I'll be involved in (8)
- 6 Drug store is denied period of equilibrium (5)
- 7 Silence where you'll find those waiting to shoot birds in America (8)
- 8 Ibrahim's worried with no 'hot' indicator on weather chart (8)
- 9 No good replacing 100 angry eminent scientists – they're fascinating (10)
- 11 Little work in post office? Fall asleep (6, 2 words)
- 15 Australian songster: money offer inveigles one with hits coming up (11)
- 16 Stallion that's rare and abandoned by hand resents being let loose (10)
- 18 Playing in a way with strings, self absorbed (9)
- 20 Expanding racket round courtyard (not quiet to start with) (8)
- 22 Like sea-lion sailor introduced, bearing ball aloft? (7)
- 23 Enlarged photo? Number put up with prince in (7)
- 25 Old palisaded enclosure, Scottish ruin (6)
- 26 Reduced credit with the necessary? One's handicapped (6)
- 28 Tree leaves will conceal this songbird (6)
- 30 Rock rabbit, one burrowing in pass (6)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.