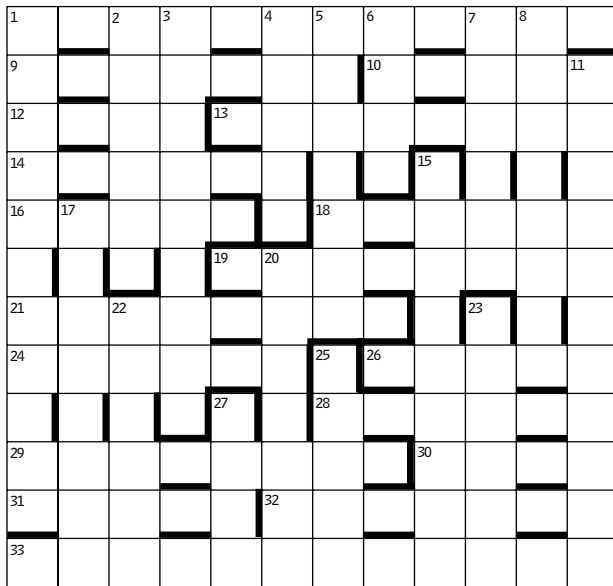


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ACROSS

- 1 Like what costermonger pushes mostly having to call round, trading wholesale (12)
- 9 Tiara's unusually studded with eastern precious stone (7)
- 10 Nasty look taking in a Scots story-teller (5)
- 12 Forward punched, rendered useless (4)
- 13 E.g. corgis having been 'done' at Balmoral, stunted (8)
- 14 Foul contents of hanky, a zone concealed one pocketed (6)
- 16 Blame end-of-year trains being reduced? (5)
- 18 Form a notion that is about the end (well, almost) (6)
- 19 Do they discount pickled herring roes? Not her (8)
- 21 Shell money put into work reversing old skin complaint (8)
- 24 Children accepting adult rule in card game (6)
- 26 Extended flap, a feature of comical operettas (5)
- 28 E.g. Borodin rained off (6)
- 29 Medium discomfort in relaxing toil (8, 2 words)
- 30 Self-identification by bass, short then long? (4)
- 31 Constituents of lira once imposed upon Italy (5)
- 32 One élite corps in line that's easily cracked (7)
- 33 Part of formal accounts for installations (12)

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C	H	A	F	T	A	P	E	S	P	A	D	A
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P	E	E	L	I	N	G	S	P	U	K	E	Y
E	R	T	F	M	P	N	E	I	S	B	X	F
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Across 7, E + ad in Spa(in); 12, 11 limes (all rev.) in Horner; ref. nursery rhyme; 14, (b) lunt; 16, H + go in I put; 23, comp. anag. incl. n.; 24, roc(k) (qv) + cella; 29, WE Ir.; 30, (co.)ok + ra(w); 32, anag.; 33, e'er in sny.

Down 1, hamper in anag.; 2, homi(CID)e; 3, m(a)le in art; 5, a + MOH with a for O; 6, *Gigi* (rev.) in anag.; 7, laps in (w)ee(k); 8, slug (gish); 11, F in anag. x2; 25, m in lies, & lit.; ref. Roman Empire; 27, 2 meanings; 28, r in one (qv); French river that dissects department of Calvados.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Bridges cross Po, a tad wobbly (11)
- 2 Jock's hit, heading for Rossyth, in pile-up (6)
- 3 My foot will propel me in the sea (or deep) tho' stormy (9)
- 4 Endless choky with what signifies first degree battery? (5)
- 5 Favourite task – nothing held up (7)
- 6 Something spicy for haggis-eaters (calorie good in dietary terms?) (4)
- 7 Climbing defensive mound to the accompaniment of English music (6)
- 8 Mimosa's cousin runs on famous course (8, 2 words)
- 11 Makes fresh sketch of red currants (planting key?) (11)
- 15 Repose l'd arranged round middle of shift to fit into time stages (9)
- 17 Reduction to common standard, requiring an age with old nonentity I involved (8)
- 20 Sal cracked in present oil extraction process (7, 2 words)
- 22 Quiet deluxe car creeps around as of old (6)
- 23 Rick presenting recipe found in S. European country (6)
- 25 Familiar girl, sort of cuckoo, housed by the writer in Marseille (5)
- 27 Our planet heads of globe artichokes imitate (approximately) (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.