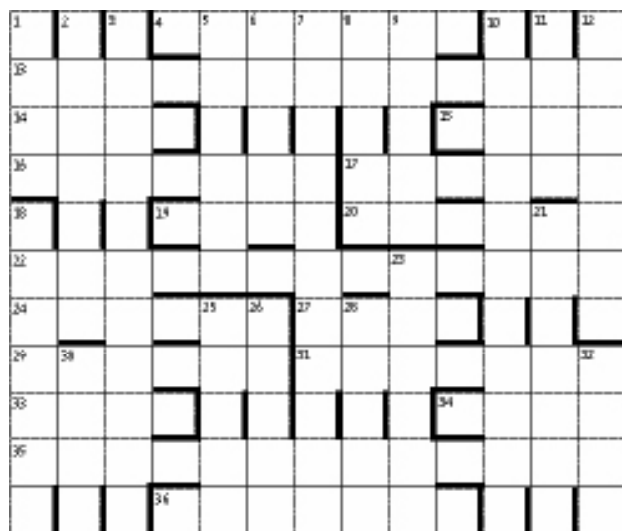


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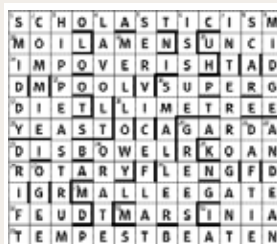
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ACROSS

- 4 Like a quartz person wrapped in old wig (7)
 13 I leap about madly when imbibing spirit in old-style cordial (13, 2 words)
 14 Retiring judge achieves this reward (4)
 15 Old book, one about dark art in e.g. Jamaica once (4)
 16 Kirk attendant having to retire a long time before end of ritual (7)
 17 Name foreign cleric with Rector one arrests (6)
 19 Youth with yen for girlfriend ... (4)
 20 ... Where she was at home mostly? One of lachrymatory family (6)
 22 Kit – leather cases, as leaving – in order, once ready to go off (13, 4 words, apostrophe)
 24 Role model about marriage: 'I must come out as straight' (6)
 27 Formerly unfledged, taking part in many a sortie (4)
 29 Wavelength reader from eastern stock (6)
 31 Warn Ahab (only *half* excited), with line for possible catch? (7)
 33 A nail, end sheared off, must be put back in carriage (4)
 34 New nurse – such may submit to charmers (4)

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Across 11, amen(able); 13, comp. anag.; 16, superg; 18, metre in lie; 19, as in yet; 25, KO an²; 29, e.g. in malleate; 30, due f (rev.); 31, mars (Hal); 33, Tempe + be in Staten.
Down 1, smiddy; see oldster; 2, M1 in come; 3, hippeast, rum; 4, lav + anag.; 6, 3 meanings; 7, in t(h)e (a)rrogant; 8, first letters; ref. Capone's nickname 'Scarface'; 9, see gall-fly; 12, low in (co.)mely; 16, II in reams (rev.); 21, anag. in die; 24, hidden rev.; 27, ego (rev.) + e.

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35 Feature of *Starlight Express*, number in lark R. Stilgoe composed (13)

36 Reveal best hope for world stability's healthy (7)

DOWN

- 1 Leg of lamb? Sacrifice going without it (4)
 2 Medium-sized scallop, mostly peaceful around close of day (7)
 3 Unoriginal colour in small image on board (11)
 5 Afternoon delay on line – unprincipled (6)
 6 Broadcast formerly showing prince laid in grave (5)
 7 Old dandy taking in NY, all-in, distressed, naively optimistic (11)
 8 Smart suit in special thread, top to bottom (5)
 9 East Asian chief raised pint perhaps? What a surprise! (5)
 10 It raises miner's bucket, black bin he and I manhandled (11)
 11 Confusion involving opening of legs in dance movement (4)
 12 Give lift to male, near frantic, around junction? (7)
 18 Substantially awry, changing west to east (7, 2 words)
 21 Rules as Iron Duke, but flexibly (7)
 23 Party withholding work weights industrial action (6)
 25 Second mowing, contents of wheelbarrow entirely (5)
 26 Haymakers requiring e.g. 'ook sharpeners? (5)
 28 Work down under? Year's dosh son at end wasted (5)
 30 Experience once involving love? Paris knew it well (4)
 33 Bangs up from butts (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. 22 may be found at the entry for an alternative spelling of its final word.