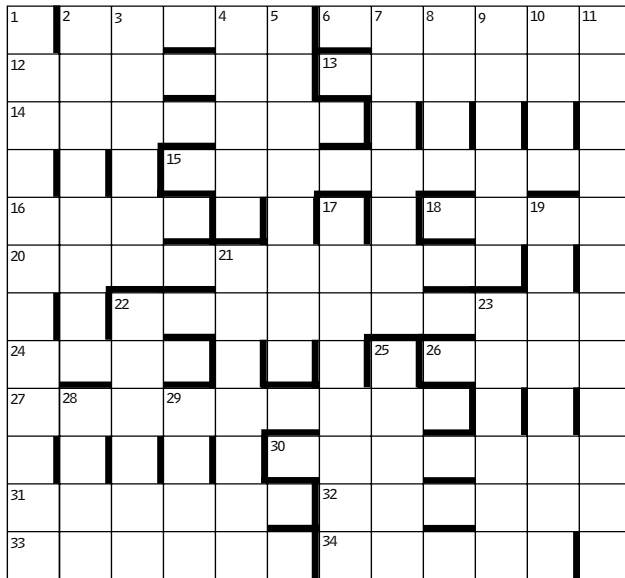


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ACROSS

- 2 Fellow bagging early bit of earthenware, antique bargain (5)
- 6 First hint of exposure shocked prude, *un peu distrait* (6)
- 12 Bikini concealing nothing? It's highly prized by Maoris (6)
- 13 German association to control after Allied victory (6)
- 14 Cook in a way restricting cost for convent (7)
- 15 Amateur featured in record can amuse (9)
- 16 Fruit that's dried is lacking ... this? (4)
- 18 Chest in oak is Tudor (4)
- 20 What'll detect smells wafting in gents (or can) (10, 2 words)
- 22 Passenger plane secure? It's often 'for life' these days (10, 2 words)
- 24 First in border shifted twice to the right – bull's eye for Jock? (4)
- 26 Scottish gusset I let into garment from the back? (4)
- 27 Page retained by priest precise when holding a candelabrum (9)
- 30 Restriction about wing of building in the glare of publicity (7)
- 31 Some typists making special squiggly notes (6)
- 32 Mum put back in flower with side-growths (6)
- 33 Launching fuel, excellent feed by the sound of it (6)
- 34 Like old Goliath – terrible monster stone struck (5);

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Across 7, 'crucks'; 10, I nic(e) in opus; 12, a nob (rev.) + man I; 15, anag. less E; 17, I scand (qv) in die; 18, anag. in dope; 21, tan in snary; 23, anag. less J; 29, era + anag.; 30, a lot (rev.); 32, Hal's; ref. Franz H.; 33, ref. tennis.
Down 1, ref. expression, 'Bob's your uncle'; 2, m in anag.; 3, see hake; 4, simp(kin); see cokes; 8, uni on; 14, I con + anag.; litter (v intr.); 16, ox I in anag.; 19, IV in Prado (Madrid art gallery); 20, VAD in pere; 22, ref. A. Athletic football club; 24, sv Duralumin; 26, d + SOS.

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DOWN

- 1 Offhand blast hurts if misdirected (12, 3 words)
- 2 One deer or another, not British but sort of current (8)
- 3 Greedy guts that is bolting a sandwich (6)
- 4 Mature, not old – one whitens less these days (5)
- 5 Tract right pair penned, one of a series (8)
- 7 Rank of noble always having attendant around (7)
- 8 Lives in Rome, round Tiber's end in past times (4)
- 9 Recovery? African river holds one up (6)
- 10 It comes from one making declaration in team after 501 (4)
- 11 Nguni treated badly, like victims of apartheid (12)
- 17 Frosty month providing gap in heat (8)
- 19 What many Hindus embrace? I see lives taken in by hoax (8)
- 21 Textorial weaving somehow let free, number having several spindles? (7)
- 22 Like famous crusader around start of millennium, under canvas (6)
- 23 I deliver goods in trust, trouble when neighbour's around (6)
- 25 Primitive hominid (might one assume?) in swampy forest (5)
- 28 Person, not soft-headed, knowledgeable about pictures etc (4)
- 29 Clinch, variable or weak (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.