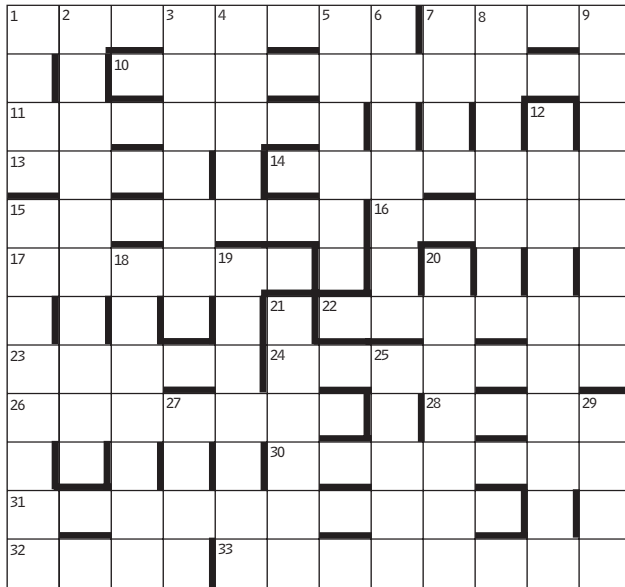


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ACROSS

- 1 Upper crust gathering accompanied by big-band jazz (8)
- 7 Bones when in this condition must be retrorse (4)
- 10 E.g. moccasins I adore – I loathe going out in old pair (10)
- 11 Weapon without charge, with no support for member (7)
- 13 Pro bottling left in what adds to sherry's flavour (4)
- 14 I'm backing king about new legal code (7)
- 15 Rains etc will be wasted without a water storage device (7)
- 16 Part of opera: you'll see I hum its — haltingly for the musicians (5)
- 17 Antelope, female ruminant devouring bits of coarse hay beside lake (6)
- 22 Foreign money from Norway wrapped in folded sash? (6)
- 23 Compulsive boozier ducks round (5)
- 24 Sweaty place, creating pong, one gone round by mother (7)
- 26 More than half tipsy, Aussie fool, backward sucker? (7)
- 28 Scottish cairn you'll get to from top thus (4)
- 30 Lichen cells active after application of indigo (7)
- 31 Queer male in drag? It helps to ascertain bed's contours! (10)
- 32 Advertising's not so bad for you, one's learned rate-free (4)
- 33 *Casse Noisette*? It's devoured by herds in e.g. Mexico (8)

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Across 1, aw/aking; 6, c/arids;

10, develop/ed; 11, he/reat; 13, m/ating; 15, go/on; 16, be/l; 18, li/king; 20, isn/'t; ref. Sidney Bechet; 22, bo/nking; 25, who/le; 28, r/ating; 29, wa/iting; 30, N/ed; 31, Tri/este; 32, b/one; 33, P/op.

Down 1, P/om; 2, ren/ting; 3, t/ough; 4, ga/s; 5, fil/e; 6, tow/er's; 7, per/ceived; 8, ju/ry; 9, p/its; 12, for/e; 17, n/et; 19, r/aking; 21, s/ways; 23, Ad/a; 24, ame/nded; 26, Ama/zon; 27, Bas/ket; 28, st/ar.

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DOWN

- 1 Mishit once, reverse of t-triff (4)
- 2 Bring forward noble flowers mostly round end of June (10)
- 3 Old battle-axe? The woman's saucy inside (7)
- 4 House for Maoris won over race (5)
- 5 Clan names? One I'm assigned to is coming up (6)
- 6 Commentator covering bad result in Germany (7)
- 7 Part of credo, a theological appeal to heaven (4)
- 8 Rocky's skin lotion kept in tin (8)
- 9 Tea's limited in power, what you'd expect from a *real* oldie (8)
- 12 One caring for e.g. nails, crazy over more than half of rustiness dealt with (10)
- 15 Dolt? Class rejecting one's messy dollop (8)
- 18 Pacy wriggling in bed – purr maybe imitated? (7)
- 19 Virginia perhaps aiming for something in the ointment? (7)
- 20 Children admitted being bitten by favourite deer? (7)
- 21 Hosted by such, I greet parasite getting under one's skin (6)
- 25 Sort of cuckoo found in Mississippi: it eats ants (5)
- 27 Bottom of thick overcoat disappearing in open ditch (4)
- 29 Quarry group of workment approach from below (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.