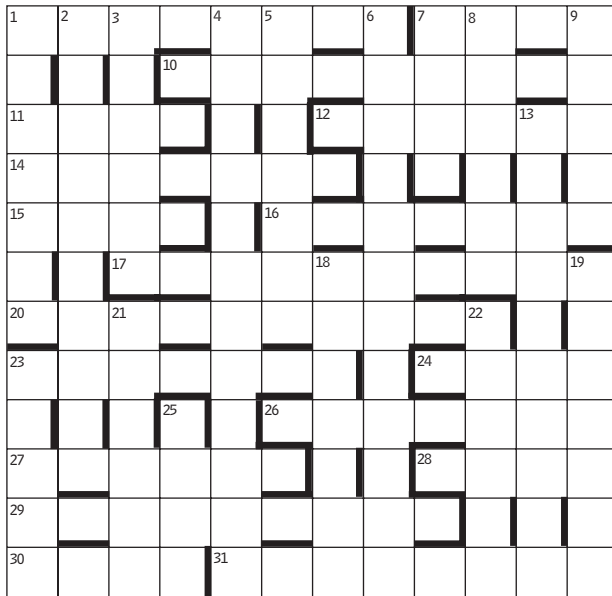


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In each of the answers to across clues, one letter occurring as part of a consecutive pair of identical letters must be omitted in the diagram. In each of the answers to down clues, one letter must be doubled in the diagram, the resulting pair to be entered consecutively. Clues throughout refer in their definition parts to the original answers and in their cryptic parts to the modified entries (rarely real words). Numbers in brackets indicate the lengths of original answers throughout.

ACROSS

- 1 Young cod was first, consisting of scraps in pot (9)
- 7 South-west Iceland dialect (5)
- 10 Very softly I wink, going after goody-goody exotic birds (10)
- 11 Aborigine, note, locked in the loo (5)
- 12 Inferior realms in disarray (7)
- 14 Dark-haired animal in Marseille going round enclosure (8)
- 15 Merry, having ingested last of hemp, spaced out (5)
- 16 Civet died, trapped in sport, misguided act (8, 2 words)
- 17 Saucer-shaped plate, cracked, one appropriate to Monsieur (11)
- 20 Damage I received in game is wretched – not a good match (11)
- 23 Guard accepts one penny, a trifling sum (8)
- 24 Something like a cutter runs where mariners are found? (5)
- 26 At least six years abroad aunt admits love of France (8)
- 27 Priest installed stone slab, feature of church? (7)

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

Across 3, anag. + SOS; 11, anag. in apple; ref. Genesis; 15, 1 in honed; ref. Becky Sharp; 16, i.e. in tens e = teens; 17, air in peon; 21, nest in Amy; 24, tre(e) + vis; see bay²; 28, imp + ale d; 31, b + ask, & lit.; 33, Aulace in anag.; 34, Ed (Millband) in s pester.

Down 2, u + PTO; 3, ape (rev.) + anag.; 4, (sup)plier; 13, in in bends; 18, ea. + RMark; 20, dale in met; 23, lcel(and) in SS; 28 1b ex; 30, ref. cartoon character's love of spinach.

PRIZERULES

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- 28 Welcome production of *Peter Grimes* returning (5)
- 29 Local community people in group permitted (10)
- 30 Too sly, completely heartless, full of contempt (5)
- 31 Opening line in retrograde experience with nothing happening? (9)

DOWN

- 1 'Umbugs getting excited about black Chinese dish (6)
- 2 Choirboy: hourly one is entering tomb (9)
- 3 Approach past president, one involved in sport previously (5)
- 4 End holding knotted nets with fish to set free (11)
- 5 Like some milk bathed in source of beam, it keeps well (6)
- 6 Racket about aid I'm into involved halving (11)
- 7 Girl's given up salt (3)
- 8 Bat almost bagging century? I'll go along with that (5)
- 9 Deal effectively with scrap in street (4)
- 13 Being behind, 'fiery' Irish girl with basic education shocked Eire? (9, 2 words)
- 18 Sort of rib eagle found in creature's lair (6)
- 19 Canal opening confused amateurs leaving river (6)
- 21 Ejects pages in groups (5)
- 22 Record fish seen around near mouth of Ouse (5)
- 23 Fool breaking foot, unlikely to run (4)
- 25 Having bad skin? I'm not seen in that condition in Scotland (3)

Every unmodified clue answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary* (2014).