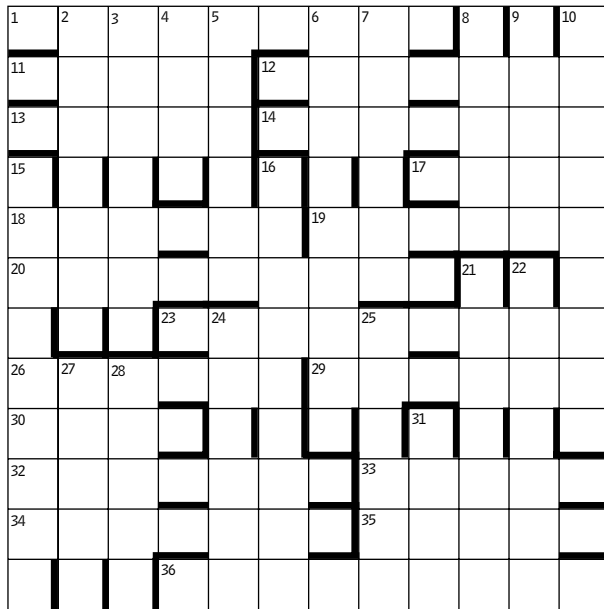


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ACROSS

- 1 Sit oddly posed, captured by rhythmically precise French painter (9)
- 11 Ribes growing wild in part of Jock's stubble (5)
- 12 Sleep that's rapid coming upon the old (7)
- 13 Not quite sober? Help as before needed (5)
- 14 Jeweller's stone, unconcealed, I provide as inset (7)
- 17 Intrinsic part of erotica, mainly? (4)
- 18 Skill backing with bloke on board horse-drawn vehicle (6)
- 19 Wretched nag having to carry away old foundation material (6)
- 20 A pointilliste may spatter tile with these (9)
- 23 Sob freely, fit when interring one – in *such*... (9)
- 26 ... Funeral rites, led by priest? Statistician's unit (6)
- 29 Sell stores to soldiers, crafty as of old (6)
- 30 Druggie's back to front dodge (4)
- 32 Protein in e.g. tendons entails flexing (7)
- 33 Misanthrope making money in a jiffy? The opposite (5)
- 34 Divide up FBI agents in group (7)
- 35 Nick, college joiner (5)
- 36 Brain surgeon, maybe, reverse of brisk in cutting into this lady (9)

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Across 14, MO (rev.) in vica(r); 15, la(g) + drone; 16, RE for I in bin; 18, r in bulling; 21, A Cui in V, A; 23, *teas; 26, r one (rev.) + M; 31, PT in Emily; 34, (G) Alicia; see Names in C.; 35, vItali(an) + sing; 36, a BB esses; sv esse.

Down 1, marl(in); 2, on + anag.; 3, c + (M) andela; 4, anag. less d; 7, ave in fla(t); 9, rem + t in brandish; 17, mat + a x 2; 22, CID (rev.) in coil; 28, lit = drunk; 32, I gay (qv) (rev.).

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DOWN

- 2 Clip joint? Money raised before installing one (7)
- 3 Organ device tool adjusted, introducing rapid movement of a kind (7)
- 4 Lives for ever? That's surprising (4, 2 words)
- 5 Small freshwater fish, other wise found under the sea (6)
- 6 Female eagles heading south for Medway location (9)
- 7 Pigeon, disordered but not dead, on time (6)
- 8 Conifer coloured unfenced garden, variegated (5)
- 9 Tumour in part of anatomy (omasum) (5)
- 10 Foster-mother abroad, mobile, given rations permit (9)
- 15 What'll attract attention and stifle news just breaking (9)
- *16 Body measurement (9)
- 21 Nutritional component in wine cheers artery (7)
- 22 Partner, single, in Italian ball game (7)
- 24 Sharp turn fastening cable (6)
- 25 The old move to crouch low removing cap before church (6)
- 27 What stationer stocks: rubber for use in centre of carrel (5)
- 28 Brave, perhaps, ignoring first bit of medicine? (5)
- 31 Ballet character, cunning, escaping home of fabled monster (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended. 10 Down is in the previous edition.