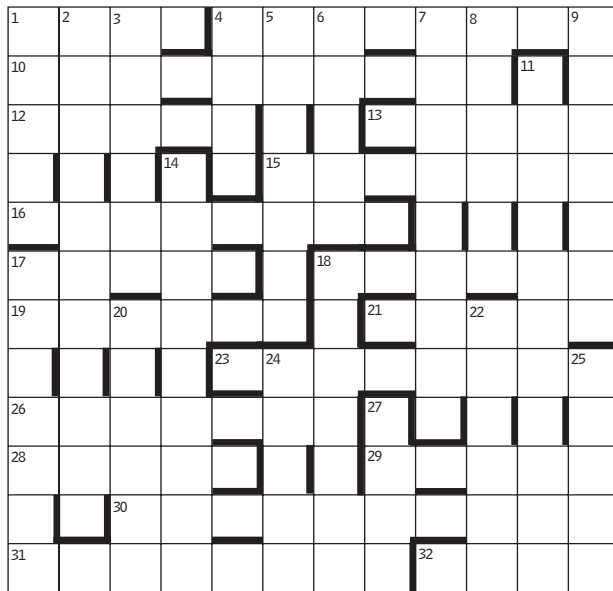


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ACROSS

- 1 See **25** (4)
- 4 Beak's patch, Midland city – are its cells ever full? (8)
- 10 Paltry rings to count I see in yolk sac (10)
- 12 Grand characteristic of Shakespearian jest (5)
- 13 Sofa bed to set in play (5)
- 15 Escort, American Indian possibly? (7)
- 16 Regal Peter wrongly presented in heart of Russian record (8)
- 17 Sauce, special, included in uncooked dish mostly (5)
- 18 Small weight? One's worried about pound lifted (6)
- 19 Swedish element, one constrained by word from Rome (not the first) (6)
- 21 Elected council confer university degree (5)
- 23 Final bit of rim in china, of tortoiseshell in part (8)
- 26 With haemorrhoids around, working on exercise regime (7)
- 28 Like outgrowths consumed, with last well forward (5)
- 29 US shrew, long tail reduced by half (5)
- 30 A bit of a giggle in TV, i.e. as broadcast? Serious reading required (10, 2 words)
- 31 Lasses try letting middle go, getting dressed without corsets? (8)
- 32 Strong drink knocked back? One of five for Sikh (4)

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Across 1, d etc (rev.) in anag.; 11, rag in 00 + US; 15, hic in (Joe) Orton; 17, kitty = prison; 19, go + anag.; 20, sh(r)ed; 22, anag.; 24, ask ance; 30, more in anag.; 33, no in gain²; 34, comp. anag.
Down 2, bar rio(t); 5, (p)rosit; 6, c, a + sin potato; 9, anag. in led; 10, i.e. sponge bags; 12, Kinsitter + in G.; 21, haven + OT; 23, roller = Rolls Royce; 28, rac(e) in do; 31, 2 meanings, tope! ⁴.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Aircraft fuel, volume imported by chief officers (5)
- 2 Extract of exotic plants cultivated on Capri in large amount, ... (11)
- 3 ... One of which is crushed under stone, a leafy appendage (6)
- 4 Without fringe elements musclemen become famished (4)
- 5 What covers wings, truly concealed inside them (7)
- 6 Small openings eastern prince found on the way up (5)
- 7 Short wave connector (but the loo is out!) (9)
- 8 Provide new equipment for rising vandal (6)
- 9 A wee thing rising about noon, in a state (7)
- 11 No member of dayschool staff in endless time before term getting replacement for the fourth (11)
- 14 Tho' my pa is dodderly... he may enjoy this in U3A (9)
- 17 Internal shells since old must retain copy (7, 2 words)
- 18 Wee Scottish lasses, anything but turkeys! (7)
- 20 Rubber substitute turning up where scientists work? (6)
- 22 High-class queen, one Aphrodite (6)
- 24 Senile Thespian *must* contain such memory-loss (5)
- 25, 1**Across** Dog going berserk in a shop, alas (9, 2 words)
- 27 City copper, old, once unfledged (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.