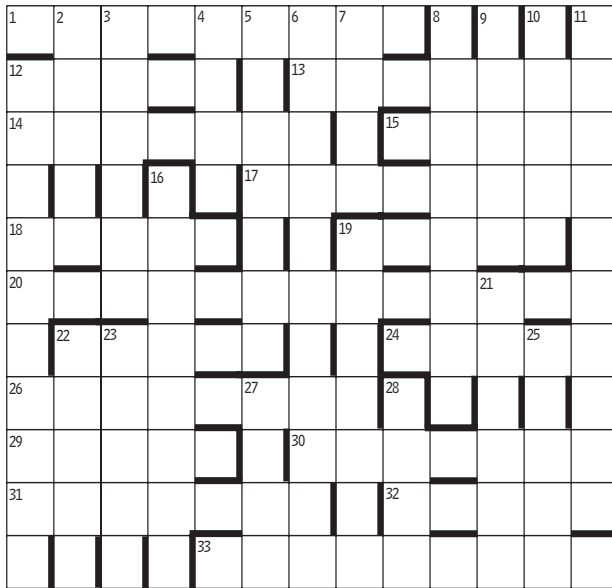


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ACROSS

- 1 Blouse revealing girl's front, a loose one (9)
- 12 What it contains I disposed of – nothing amiss therein! (5)
- 13 A worked out *before* Q? It's a help for public speaker (7)
- 14 Chap embraced by Maud, excited and ready (7, 2 words)
- 15 Amphibians inhabiting Caspian (Uralian) (5)
- 17 The pet husband twice got rid of – he'll move animals along (8)
- 18 Spicy dish, mixed type, of little value (5)
- 19 Device for making explosive entrance is scrapped in *Pirates* misguidedly (5)
- 20 Male included, unconventional pairs agree on ... such? (13, 2 words)
- 22 Soak to soften line – it's used to catch lobsters (5)
- 24 Sports venue given support by the sound of it (5)
- 26 Do a basmati rice? A bed is so fragrant, curried (8)
- 29 Root vegetable not available, and one not in prospect (5)
- 30 Anicut's adapted for water sports (7)
- 31 Turbulent age contained by genuine cessation of war once (7)
- 32 Return of ancient character accepting satisfactory part with no sex (5)
- 33 One of yore searching out form of gradation (9)

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A	C	H	E	A	P	E	P	E	R	D	U
T	A	O	N	G	A	V	E	R	E	I	N
F	R	A	T	E	R	Y	E	S	G	X	I
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R	A	I	N	E	W	F	A	K	I	S	T
S	C	E	N	T	O	R	G	A	N	H	E
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S	T	E	N	O	S	R	A	M	O	S	E
H	Y	D	Y	N	E	N	O	R	M	D	

Across 6, e + anag.; 12, 0 in tanga; 15, a in enter tin; 16, ra(is)in; 20, anag.; 22, ref. supermarket offer; 'abag for life'; 24, cf. abut; 26, l in rag (rev.); 27, p in lama + a in dry; 30, e, l in limit; 33, 'high dine'; 34, anag. less st.

Down 2, caribou with ac for B; 3, a in hog i.e.; 5, r two in park; 8, r in est (L = is); 9, a in Niger (rev.); 10, DI + XI; 17, rima in fire; 19, l vis in sham; 21, anag. less anag.; 22, m in caped; ref. Batman, aka 'the Caped Crusader'; 25, i.e. ur-man; 28, (p)arty; 29, pun + y; see clinch.

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DOWN

- 2 Women's tunic, excellent as wrap for concubine's pad (5, 2 words)
- 3 Grass on twig? (6)
- 4 Grass leaning (4)
- 5 An objection over pillar going up, one of two on which arch rests? (7)
- 6 The crazed in bedlam are? (11)
- 7 Elected council identically trimmed boring shopping area (4)
- 8 Study ranks from below (pronounce in imitation of the French) (8)
- 9 Did they make a tortoise run away in South America? (5)
- 10 Physician putting practice as of old in credit (5)
- 11 Flower transformed seat in vehicle ... (10)
- 12 ... Going to this, morning certain to be enveloped in melody? (10, 2 words)
- 16 Fertilizer that has been mixed with loam (8, 2 words)
- 19 Superior vessel in summary is missing narcotic drink (7)
- 21 Old cargo boat: flap about slick when it's capsized? (6)
- 22 Trader responsible for oversight, run in (5)
- 23 End of career past, he's ready to peg out! (5)
- 25 Garland ring, look (5)
- 27 Barrel with nothing in? You'll find Scotch aplenty here (4)
- 28 Bog that shifts as ground on all sides falling away (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.