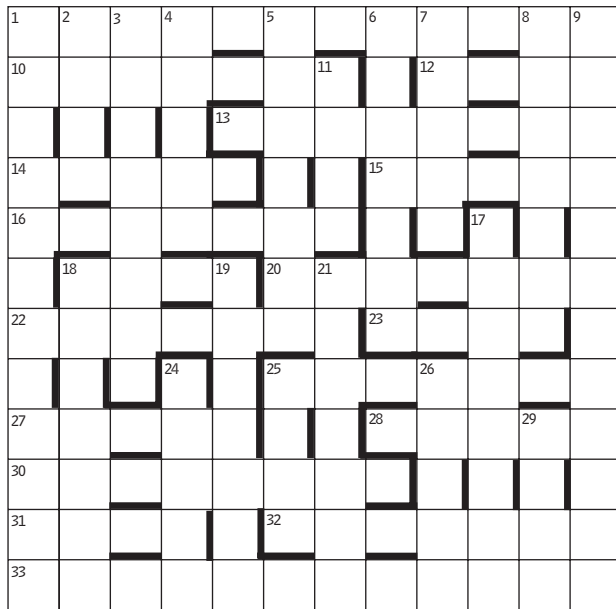


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ACROSS

- 1 Art? I'd concern when it's deviant or sexist? (12)
- 10 Airborne troops about to make earthwork protecting rear (7)
- 12 Island record producers hope to achieve this with backing (4)
- 13 Goes off the rails, caught with weapon in minor affray on ce (8)
- 14 Fruit dad held in hand (5)
- 15 Biological triplet runs away from police line (5)
- 16 Stallion, as once, learning to take exercise initially (7)
- 18 Solicitor making millions, gripped by disgust (4)
- 20 Woggle, might one suppose? It's creating a row (7)
- 22 Unable to play in key series, i.e. put out breaking record (7)
- 23 From e.g. Victori a fool finding himself in Cannongate (4)
- *25 A contract (7)
- 27 Crown jewel maybe consisting of less than half a precious stone (5)
- 28 Money on eBay squandered, perhaps (5)
- 30 Per verse old skill reflected in icon crafted by king (8)
- 31 A ristorante serves this (not rare) bottled (4)
- 32 Burmese people are born in what may be Indian, backward (7)
- 33 Juggling trade transactions gladdens, alas, when treated deviously (12, 3 words)

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Across 1, bucke(d) in t-tug (rev.); 12, dri(v)er; 13, bit tac(k)le; 14, ay in pee; ref. standard cheques; 19, 2 meanings; see screw; 20, mo in laver (rev.); 24, ref. children's rhyme: 'This little pig...'; 25, t in in fane; 28, ea in try; 34, comp. anag. incl. d.

Down 4, cf. U-bend; 5, hen in anag.; 6, anag. + ship; 7, ref. Dr S. Johnson, lexicographer; 9, w restle(ss) r; see backbreaker; 11, E cedar l in a ban; 15, sv stratocracy; rat(l) on in stic(k); 27, comp. anag.; 31, cf. edge.

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DOWN

- 1 Fizz put into beer, strangely lactic, getting one enraged (12)
- 2 Foreign duck, name applied to foreign goose leaving California (4)
- 3 Drummer and old piper played, ready to fall (8)
- 4 Like clean sheets, classically, as penned by artist, English (5)
- 5 Fille de joie requiring shelter in bed? The opposite (7)
- 6 Opium component in measure after cocaine's taken in nostril (7)
- 7 Element lacking any surrounding for misanthrope (5)
- 8 Scots reveal circle between water meadows (7)
- 9 It has no place in adulthood, changing since one ages (12)
- 11 Healthy hospital opening in Edinburgh (4)
- 17 Form of religion: I vote against being introduced to a Chinese one (8)
- 18 Snub delivered by eastern poem in revolt that's rising (7, 2 words)
- 19 Bread carried on head in travelling baskets (7)
- 21 Climber almost beneath sacred mountain of Aphrodite (7)
- 24 'Bright' fool heading intelligence department (5)
- 25 Cat, black, on top of tree (4)
- 26 Paid pound rent formerly (5)
- 29 Club ungraciously accepts such a tip (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 4 may be found at the entry for another word with which it forms a compound.