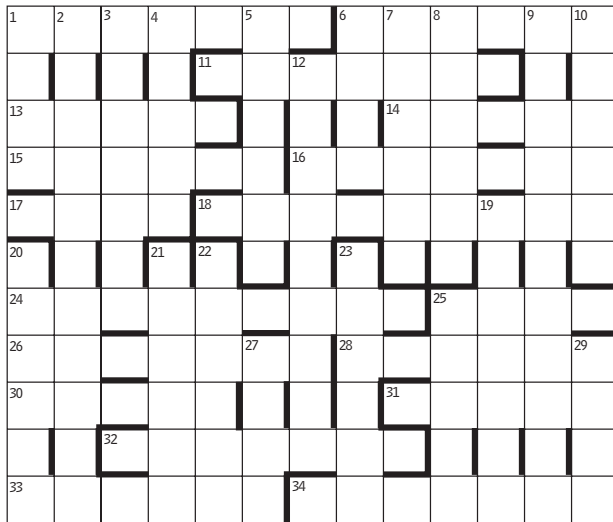


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From the answer to each across clue one letter must be omitted wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. To the answer to each down clue one letter must be added, at any point but not unchecked, before entry in the diagram. Definitions in both across and down clues refer to untreated answers; cryptic indications in both refer to the answers as they appear in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the length of untreated answers, both across and down. The letters omitted from the acrosses followed by the letters added to the downs, read in clue order, form a vaguely appropriate quotation in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*.

ACROSS

- 1 Producing silly smile about nothing, 'e'll be this? (10)
- 6 A record going round with dry edges – its surface is sensitized (8, 2 words)
- 11 Frenzy affected Ayrshire, river escaping (8)
- 13 Palpitating, that is when surrounded by mocking (8)
- 14 Botanist's angle, very large in a side sepal (6)
- 15 Supply commentary on foreign state on account of reverse (8)
- 16 Hurrah for ecstasy maid recalled, staring wildly? (10)
- 17 Soft metallic sheen (6)
- 18 One against following guys in gym? No longer inclined (10)
- 24 Opossums, phyla i.e. doubly hybridized (12)
- 25 Girdle section in nice tulle (6)
- 26 Queen Empress Maria excited: she's about to have her first (9)
- 28 Finely constructed lines penned by William (Bill) (8)
- 30 Rotating aerial broadcast races (7)

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

Across 3, rumb(a) utter; 11, Fr. + onde (Fr. = wave); 14, Audi + t; 17, (c)rush; 19, sa + anag.; 24, if in to si(t); ref. Italian football team; 26, i.e. letter e; 30, c + urd.
Down 2, cur (rev.) in anag.; 5, Bell E + anag.; 8, el Dr in; 9, TT in anag. + holder; 16, char l in anag. less k; 20, anag. + ar; 23, (di)scours(e); 27, 2 meanings.

PRIZERULES

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- 31 Given a shot? Second mostly consumed (7)
- 32 Forming questions, and so on, about discourse repetitively (8)
- 33 Maiden in love, yes love, awfully hurtful as of old (7)
- 34 Love in the environs of Limoges is bewitching, as of old (8)

DOWN

- 1 Palm tree? First person introducing a couple in Scotland (3)
- 2 German state getting into oil yet oddly creating no waves on top! (10)
- 3 Money pocketed old uncle left – it's sickening (6)
- 4 To intrude in Scotland like this went about freely (4)
- 5 My circle age – it's fate (5)
- 6 Very small lake fish (3)
- 7 Like forest land river craft must be taken up (5)
- 8 Element of computer image I sex up in programming language (5)
- 9 One mollifies everyone rolling up (10)
- 10 Lackey for a pasha in old Algiers (5)
- 12 Climbing vents in castle walls, one devoured plunder (8)
- 19 Jewel thief came breaking into fashionable uni (6, 2 words)
- 20 Dance club I run, namely with party around (5)
- 21 Classical tyrant, Greek character imprisoned by demigod (5)
- 22 Delight daily with order given to few (5)
- 23 Regular trat dish, bits of seafood tossed in a shell (5)
- 25 Whale's food, e.g. shells garlanded in company (4)
- 27 Road left by old lorry (3)
- 29 Extract from *Codex Sinaiticus* – it's very stimulating (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give the proper name at 21. 4 appears in earlier editions.