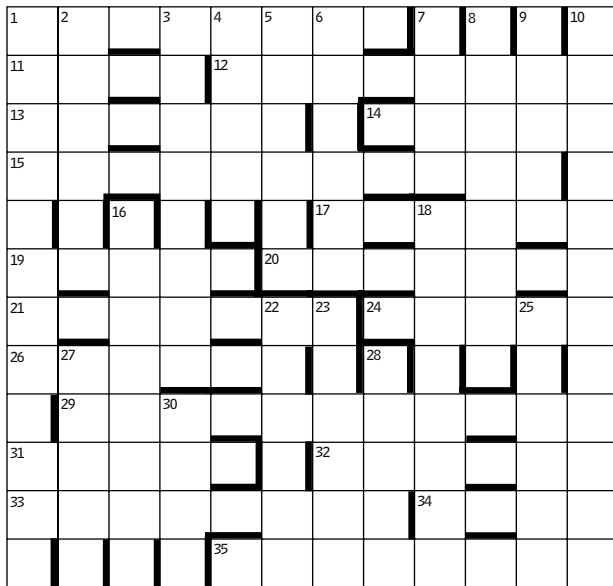


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ACROSS

- 1 Massage back, swallowing e.g. daily dish of savoury rice (8)
- 11 Competitive game, universal in Liberal party (4)
- 12 A drink vessel displaying crack (not long) (8)
- 13 It's designed to protect queen in love (6)
- 14 Conclusion of verse, that verse penned by number one (5)
- 15 Misshapen tubercles on one forage crop (11)
- 17 Reverse for multinational hidden within covers of ledgers? (6)
- 19 Final yard in dash (5)
- 20 Composed person, and determined (7)
- 21 Send back touching lines (7)
- 24 Varnish providing extreme shininess, we hear (5)
- 26 A dealer ignoring rule finally getting fine (6)
- 29 Small number taken in by a superdude, posturing without conviction? (11)
- 31 Looking back, label worn by monarch? Several actually (5)
- 32 Gun shot youngster, far from cheerful (6)
- 33 Tools etc, on being cut down in African capital (8)
- 34 'E's given 'umungous old cheer (4)
- 35 Scottie, a breed misguidedly English neuter (8)

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Quotation: 'Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers' (Wordsworth sonnet)

Across 1, gigglesome; 6, wet plate; a LP (rev.) in a T1; T1, hysteria; anag, less r; 13, twitters; 14, axilla; XL in ala; 15, annotate; état o/a (rev.); 16, goggle-eyed; ole E + dey (rev.); 17, patina; 18, propensive; ropes + l v in PE; 24, Didelphyidae; 25, cestus; 26, primipara; R1 + anag.; 28, well-made; II in Wm ad; 30, scanner; 31, sedated; s + eate(n); 32, erotic, rote in etc; 33, noysome; min anag, incl. 0, 0; 34, glammers.

Down 1, ita; l twa; 2, lei otrichy; reich in anag.; 3, emetin; 4, sorn; 5, moera; 7, eel; 7, treed; Dee art (rev.); 8, pixel; 9, alleviator; all + rotative (rev.); 10, toady; to a dey; 12, spollate; loops (rev.) + late; 19, iceman; anag, in in u; 20, disco; l r sc. In do; 21, Hiero (tyrant of Syracuse); pi in hero; 22, charm; 23, pasta; s, t in pawa; 25, Clio; lei in co.; 27, ute; r(o)ute; 29, Dex.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Left caught by undertow? It's cathartic (12, 2 words)
- 2 What the Irish play, energy put into commotion (6)
- 3 What gets one down? E.g. ladies with twisted sneer! (8)
- 4 Sulking loudly where one's missed out in remuneration (5)
- 5 Tuner's dealt with discord (6)
- 6 Count protecting a king aforeside (6)
- 7 Beef, not a slice of ham hock, say (4)
- 8 Subordinate once organized nave with girl coming up (8)
- 9 Lira, European unit, monetary unit (5)
- 10 Hierocratic rule in spirit ended disastrously (12)
- 16 Cruise ships have short breaks – they're stimulating (8)
- 18 Rarely, of old, edging gave out – being so? (8)
- 21 Exposures raised dead interred, one of many in Valley of the Kings? (6)
- 23 Guarantee runs batting between Nos. 1 and 5 in XI (6)
- 25 Big freeze is cold and endlessly severe (6, 2 words)
- 27 Painting that's rarely framed artist put in stack upside-down? (5)
- 28 Control identifying part of broadcast unerringly (5)
- 30 Guards heading for depot kept in step (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.