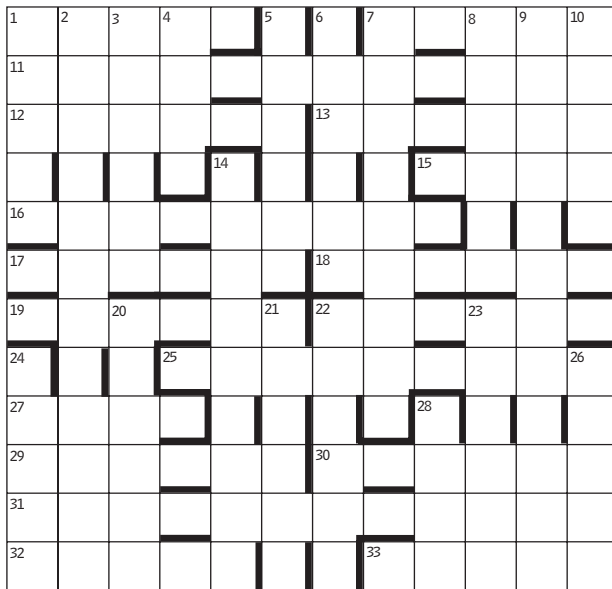


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ACROSS

- 1 Flowery alcohol? Amateur knocked back two parts of quart running (5)
- 7 Sleeper maybe in aft cabin on board (5)
- 11 Hungry? Ergo cooked, with love, a tasty exotic fish (12, 2 words)
- 12 Cask one cheers? I'll get smashed at Christmas (6)
- 13 After fancy turn, I am free of ornamental extras (6)
- 15 Feature of lake district – nothing better (4)
- 16 The law imprisons characters at extremes of unacceptable deportment, such as Oscar? (9)
- 17 Well advanced in certain areas, rook I kept in defensive position (6)
- 18 Representative having to guard king's silver (6)
- 19 Captain Gary? (6)
- 22 Excel, though dismissed by spinner? (6)
- 25 It's assumed by performer, ditto when devious agent's involved (9, 2 words)
- 27 Plant all Canadians especially revere – just look at their leaders (4)
- 29 Baboon which macaque at heart mistreated (6)
- 30 Passion may be such a complex danger (6)
- 31 Like certain rocks I dig – mark mine for blasting (12)
- 32 Art expressing aspect of Rothesay strand (5)
- 33 Like corsets worn during sex? (5)

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Across 1, anag. + LIX; 11, encier (Fr.) = ink-well; 15, brain emu (rev.); 16, mo urnings; 23, hyper + then in site; 27, orb in cel(l); 29, cf. dunlin, E; 30, ref. Ralph Reader, The Gang Show.

Down 1, crit. in sch; 2, 2 meanings; see bulldog; 5, cuss in lot and I; 9, anag. in d, t, & lit.; 18, ox yt one; 19, inn in lean; 20, ètè in ters(e); 22, Elle (Macpherson) in pt; 24, comp. anag. & lit.; 26, eve(n)t; see ask².

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DOWN

- 1 Money got with work – it was worth very little (5)
- 2 Tropical plant: one is ariot growing wild round lake (12)
- 3 Dagger causing worker to drop dead with clash (6)
- 4 Last in bateau with sickness, sea dropping – it moves sluggishly (4)
- 5 Card time, and it's laid out around four? (6, 2 words)
- 6 Vintage fizzy asti I avoided in cocktail (6)
- 7 Cheats to be believed? Part of deception inferred (9)
- 8 One gets teaching job, bit of work coming up in later years (6)
- 9 Tiresome insects come in hairdo that's untidy (12)
- 10 Old marriage song in English? The opposite (5)
- 11 A period during leave denoting a legal injunction (9, 2 words)
- 12 Lovely morning lining nest (6)
- 13 Script in a muddle holding paper up (6)
- 14 Feature of mythology, giant in epic locale causing long delay (6)
- 15 Feature of wine pub served up in function (6)
- 16 Is in favour of large tubs where students may relax (5)
- 17 Editor briefly takes in staff to do what he does? (5)
- 18 Transport for mikado, grand, in the past? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.