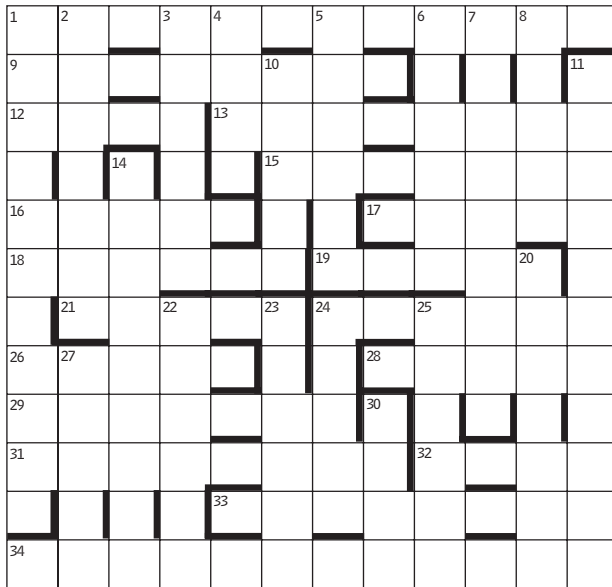


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ACROSS

- 1 Spirit to nobble old itchy sore (12, 2 words)
- 9 Inn dear, with little left to put to the test (8)
- 11 Alpine period in winter is superb (4)
- 13 What US long-distance caller uses to explain formerly ringing a company (8, 2 words)
- 15 Nurse lost in Iran? I'll provide cover (7)
- 16 Tail-ender dismissed by spinner, familiarly – 'wally'? (5)
- 17 Marine, girl's lost love? (5)
- 18 Southern weakling describing bitter wind in the Cairngorms (6)
- 19 Old auxiliary, second person attacked with debilitating gas, we hear? (5)
- 21 Non-travellers rabbit on about beloved in Scotland (5)
- 24 Opening's beginning to appear in e.g. tin (6)
- 26 District magistrate in ME capital (5)
- 28 Pancake black inside – no good? Scrap it (5)
- 29 Happiness shown in sign of assent, totally fooled (7)
- 31 Cynic possibly, 'nice' god I rubbished (8)
- 32 The old enemies? One recalled big hit (4)

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Across 9, (s)hut u(p); 10, a in run; 13, y, t in a mal; 14, pet + ER; ref. Beatrix Potter; 22, now chain sins; 29, anag., less o in Med; 31, user (rev.) + me; 32, i.e. 'im'am; 33, anag. & e in Dis. & llt.; ref. J. Caesar; 35, anag. in mess.

Down 1, r in anag.; see jordan; 2, cf. chum k; 5, rus set; see rus in urbe; vague ref. to A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, set in Athens; 11, t in alae; 15, ings in riders; 17, u, r in vestal; 20, euro in anag.

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- 33 Pasta, chopped fine, appropriate shop stocked? (8)
- 32 Affections replaced threats with marks of devotion (12)

DOWN

- 1 Villain on board near? It may occupy tar's spare time (11)
- 2 Screen gun going off? Healthy exercises (7, 2 words)
- 3 Struggle, we hear, that involves hacking? (6)
- 4 Stick or carrot's first to lead one falling behind (6)
- 5 Ligament damaged, ref mostly unfeeling (6)
- 6 Squad of old soldiers to blame when *urbs* initially is captured (6)
- 7 Defining designer is habitual reponse (9)
- 8 Waterproof material? Get that to cover private office (5)
- 10 Worthless mixture of types turned up in test (5)
- 11 Boris yells wildly about independence – it damages lungs (11)
- 14 Fizzy drink? In the end large quantity is bottled (9, 2 words)
- 20 Defeat family occupying Chinese dynasty (7)
- 22 German sharpshooter, to his countrymen certainly a bore (6)
- 23 Roman dramatist's cutting one up for parts of his work? (6)
- 24 Like soggy pud mum cooked (5)
- 25 Base crucial for walk, a lighthouse (6)
- 27 Type of silk Arab removed from wardrobe (5)
- 30 Plant genus runner bean is not part of (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.