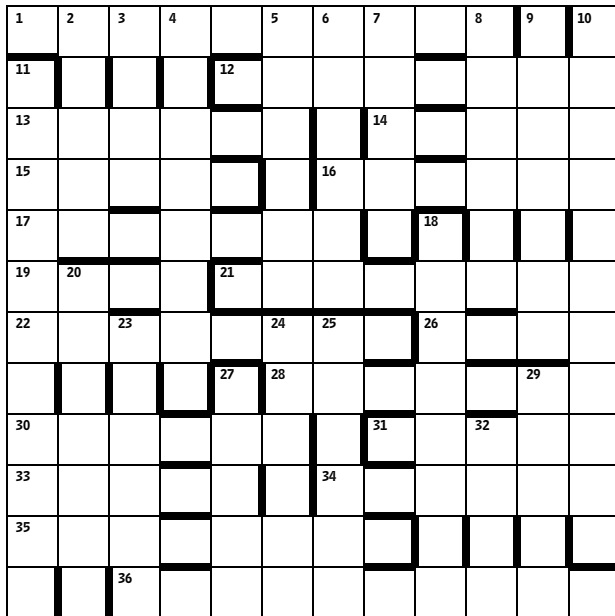


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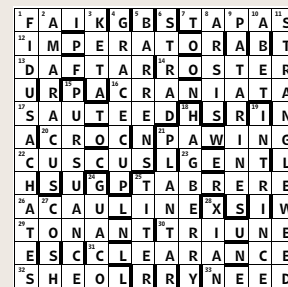
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ACROSS

- 1 Sparing has set free nocturnal rodent (10)
- 12 Fish to welcome round Scottish region (8)
- 13 Writings: self-contained lines (6)
- 14 Part of chair back, thin wooden strip receiving pressure (5)
- 15 Sliced like old carcass from surgeon – you need doctor initially (5)
- 16 Render Persian restructured demes outside Iran, not administered (6)
- 17 Sort of caper (so-called) creating damage on wing (7)
- 19 Nymph in the chorus (4)
- 21 Swaggering ninny's about to show a bit of muscle (8)
- 22 What'll mess wall up in ultimate bits of amateur building? (8)
- 26 One of the magpies, pilferer according to hearsay (4)
- 28 Eng. Lit. scholar feeling fraught, about 51 (7)
- 30 Was there one for Ophelia? Head of cast does go on! (6)
- 31 First of Basil's instructions to the employees: 'Don't mention it to the Germans!' (5)
- 33 Delhi's sun? It bothers *me* less possibly (5)
- 34 Hardy is often associated with this regular publication (6)
- 35 Lustrous wild Una with flaming clothing (8)
- 36 Despoil nature with devastation certain (10)

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Across 12, a + anag.; 14, ro(a)ster; 16, rani in cat a; 17, au in steed²; 22, cus(tom) x 2; 30, u in trine; 31, Lear in cance(r); 33, 'knead'.

Down 1, fid + a chat in uses; 2, mara in anag. lesse; 3, cf. take; 4, anag. in GP; 5, arr. In sneb (rev.); 8, s in aris; 11, lin strange + wee d; see dodder²; 15, u a n c in purse; 19, n in trice; 25, 'tighter'; 28, a in nix (rev.).

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- 2 High-ranking Turk, a fellow with power going to the top (5)
- 3 Noisy Scots signifying 'red' (4)
- 4 Blemish left by old Scots laundry – maid upset one milor (8)
- 5 Greyish hideous non-U coats – hideous indeed (6)
- 6 Contract killer? After success, lots Yard put away (6)
- 7 Rolling years making one bad-tempered (5)
- 8 Old Frank's girl seen with another man? (6)
- 9 Operatic heroine beginning to complain about a soprano, foul (7)
- 10 One not long ago embracing bird? Cheer shows how he appears (11)
- 11 Bacteria, full-flavoured, I found in a cheese almost going off (11)
- 18 Dandies producing little work, engrossed in sprees (8)
- 20 A member of royal family, clubs taking precedence, lecherous? (7)
- 23 Extended family husband dressed in pale gold (6)
- 24 Foreign sailor left sand banks, rounding Cape (6)
- 25 What's crooked relative at replacing first in line? (6)
- 27 Disturbance in Scotland caused by royal pretender, losing one? (5)
- 29 Flight from Carstairs (5)
- 30 Its berries are poisonous – vengeance locally follows merest taste of them? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.