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ACROSS

- 1 Screen cleaner we'll install like a flailing whip (8)
- 7 Dud leader in financial paper (4)
- 10 Former compound in the parade-ground (5)
- 11 Salt tax grand, a beauty (7)
- 12 Fine dress material: eastern one's about right (8)
- 14 Players may look up to these old coaches (5)
- 15 Seabird follows way back after dropping cod's head (5)
- 17 Old-style wig, international line in China grass (7)
- 18 Hush preceding absolute monarch, one finding speech difficult (9)
- 20 Enthusiasm in traveller section – they have their own loos (9, 2 words)
- 23 Palm tree hem with coir matting (7)
- 26 Shock amateur with mate, capturing pawn (5)
- 28 Wild horse hit a truck's rear, galloping (5)
- 29 Very bright American requiring support at first clue? (8)
- 30 Greeting collapse with intake of doctor's first anticoagulant (7)
- 31 Lost race having end of velskoen stuck in gutter (5)
- 32 Close couple tie knots, getting married (4)

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S	N	E	A	P	E	D	A	R	G	A	H
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P	O	I	S	S	O	N	D	A	V	R	I
I	N	S	T	E	P	S	S	T	E	I	N
A	B	B	A	A	P	A	S	T	N	E	S
F	O	O	T	R	O	T	R	A	T	T	A
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The solutions to 11/13 Across and 36/37 Across both form anagrams of APRIL FOOL.

Across 11, frail; 13, polo; 14, mate (qv) in as; 15, maps (rev.) + mer; 17, ref. Thomas Adès; 18, cf. mestee; 29, in in sets (rev.); 32, sent (rev.) in pass; 34, tort oof (rev.); 35, comp. anag.; 36, pail; 37, floor; 38, i.e. eff use; 39 r + os(ler)ed.

Down 2, anag. in nan; 3, anag.; ref. Gilbert & Sullivan, *Patience* (or *Bunthorne's Bride*), which makes fun of the aesthetic movement of the 1870s; 5, pens in anag.; 6, i.e. d(e)ep end; 7, in a fad; 8, comp. anag. & (sort of) lit.; 12, t in Pari(s); 21, a ff in pie; 23, tap in ATS; 24, v + entre(at); 25, anag. + l; 28, (p)earls; 33, 2 meanings.

PRIZERULES

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33 They guide travellers – tops sway when it's windy (8)

DOWN

- 1 Signal flag with number of sheets fastened together (5)
- 2 Turning poorly, ate about nothing, variation depending on direction (10)
- 3 Youngsters turned up divided having landed in divorce? (7)
- 4 Distort main point about what's central to differences (5)
- 5 Bypass transformed region (6)
- 6 Procurer providing pa with a bit of rumpy? (6)
- 7 Anvil bone broken, nasty rick involved (8)
- 8 Edible seaweed available in plentiful variety (4)
- 9 Rule introduced in public school is binding (7)
- 13 Cock-a-hoop president has not become less formal, I held (10)
- 16 Part of prosencephalon, one embedded in layer (8)
- 18 Dimension embodied in form of ahimsa, what yoga can lead to (7)
- 19 Beloved strips for old clowns (7)
- 21 Strict law shut up regular feature of opera (6)
- 22 Nervous excitement still rising about bronze (6)
- 24 Sensation over positive pedigree (5)
- 25 Takes big risks? Pointers are in these (5)
- 27 Climbing up sides of ridge, sheer (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.