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From the answer to each across clue one letter must be omitted wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. To the answer to each down clue one letter must be added, at any point but not unchecked, before entry in the diagram. Definitions in both across and down clues refer to untreated answers; cryptic indications in both refer to the answers as they appear in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the length of untreated answers, both across and down. The letters omitted from the acrosses followed by the letters added to the downs, read in clue order, form a vaguely appropriate quotation in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, followed by the surname of the author.

ACROSS

- 1 One with very sweet tooth? Chew 50% less repeatedly, taste curtailed (10)
- 7 E Europeans in past age exempted from tolls on goods (6)
- 13 Obsession with applied science undoing hit- and conmen (11)
- 14 Regular features of culm above leaf-like stem (7)
- 15 One Johnny in the cinema from the back chattered noisily (6)
- 16 Man, one going steady? This comes from close to source (9)
- 18 One scavenges for gold after end of process with sharp saw's end wielded (11)
- 19 Measures time in presses (6)
- 20 Nourishment essential in racing stables (7)
- 22 Small chapels, one enclosed in saddle-shaped area (7)
- 24 Jakarta resident maybe lives among the 'in' crowd? The reverse (6)

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	G	L	A	I	R	S	E	R	Y	A	L	D
	N	E	U	R	O	T	R	O	P	H	I	N

Across 1, b + anag. in operate; 11, al(l) e.g. ar; 14, toco + me; 15, MP in NY ho.; 20, ze(ro) in beer; 21, REM in tor; 25, cf. grass skirt; 30, day in eon (all rev.); 31, 'tie'.
Down 3, RM one in seer; 7, anag. less H; 8, caring (n); 10, band + r in Sting; 16, H1 + z.B. + hallo (rev.); 20, ref. golf; 24, a in bill + l; 26, (f)reest; 27, v (= versus) + air.

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- 26 Warbler flying north, with black lines (9)
 - 29 Unofficial lawman, 'monster' by name in knotted tie (9)
 - 31 Torchless? So you may get out of hole with this! (7)
 - 32 Crown's value formerly I have observed in foreign service (7, 2 words)
 - 33 Is imprisoning cheat, old robber mostly in awe of false gods? (10)
 - 34 No-score draw, one supposes? It doesn't involve many players (7)
 - 35 Scotland's most excellent friends, first in trustiness (8)
- DOWN**
- 2 Healthy? Wrong, reverse of ideal form of illiteracy (6)
 - 3 Heroin in cases served with afternoon tea (3)
 - 4 Countryman exercising the dog (5)
 - 5 Chilled drink I stirred etc, mostly diluted (6, 2 words)
 - 6 Cut first of Aeschylus tragedy (part of Oresteia) (4)
 - 8 Source of cooking oil: catch with bit of cloth (5)
 - 9 Girl restricts amorous advance, aye, and was indicated by one (7)
 - 10 Some youths envy being brought up delicate (4)
 - 11 Re dais that wobbles, fix with cord? ... Blast! (10)
 - 12 Slaty stone, nicest when replaced after unsightly clash (10)
 - 17 Curved ship's timber: order lad to support dodgy set (7)
 - 20 Old within newer rock in Ireland and removed possibly - little left (6)
 - 21 Cakes? Throw uneaten scrap in river (6)
 - 23 Man maybe follows leads for latest romantic yarn (5)
 - 25 Undercover force is put in grave though not finally dead (5)
 - 27 Lion pride maybe none will go after (4)
 - 28 Black sandal, second grade (4)
 - 30 Queen introduced to new openings in various establishments, asset for job seeking (3)

The answers to every clue (including one abbreviation) are in *The Chambers Dictionary (2014)*, except one dated but familiar compound.