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ACROSS

- 2 Piano piece: 'The Tough Old Beggar'? (10)
- 11 There's a special charm about black oriental tree (6)
- 13 Part of earth's crust, old region that's wrinkled (no island) (6)
- 14 Pot or cocaine, highly addictive form of it (5)
- 15 Where you'll find a tip timely (5, 2 words)
- 16 Urgent labours with start of engaging— one's delivered in that birth of old (8)
- 17 Muscular wines drunk with 'kernel' of noyau (6)
- 18 Rat on grocery, for example (4)
- 20 High ranker, late and flustered — trouble follows (10)
- 23 Like some proteins, almost all wasted with boiled rice (10)
- 26 Cause king to enter enclosure wanting something in return (4)
- 28 Rue, similar to ground creepers (6)
- 29 Historical breastplate, sort that's elaborate in design (8)
- 30 A Marx revolutionary, huge media success (5)
- 31 Conference, maybe tense within? It was explosive (5)
- 32 Justice in Islam dispensed in ME assembly (6)
- 33 Interval in Greek music, reputed ace (6)
- 34 Equipment is comforting with installation of new stoves (10)

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1	S	Y	N	G	A	S	S	P	E	T	C	H
11	C	H	A	R	M	E	U	S	E	R	O	O
14	L	A	B	I	A	R	G	O	Y	O	H	O
16	I	C	S	L	S	P	A	R	Q	U	E	T
18	F	R	A	S	S	E	R	A	N	T	R	E
17	F	O	R	E	A	N	D	A	F	T	E	R
19	M	U	S	S	I	T	A	T	I	O	N	S
20	A	S	W	I	M	I	D	S	L	I	C	K
21	S	T	I	P	E	N	D	C	A	W	E	R
22	J	A	N	N	R	O	I	A	R	A	B	Y
23	I	D	G	B	L	U	E	R	I	N	S	E
24	D	E	S	R	E	S	S	T	A	Y	E	R

Across 6, sp. + etch; 13, hoy (rev.) + O; sv yo; 15, par(O)quet; 16, turnip = fool; 20, mussit + anag.; 25, cf. licks; 26, it's (rev.) + p + end; 28, jann; 29, aRA by; ref. song, 'The Sheik of A.'; 31, des(l)res.

Down 2, 3 meanings; 4, i.e. team with am as s = set (rev.); 5, pen tin in serous; 6, gardain anag.; 8, ref. fly - fishing; 9, here in conce; 10, 2 meanings, nose and factory siren; 14, roust in cade; 19, a r in filia(l); 20, SJ in maid; 24, hidden; ref. former film actress M. Oberon; 25 s + cart (qv).

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DOWN

- 1 Mots from tired old journals? They'll get through bars etc (8)
- 3 Given year inside, ready for the old trim? (6)
- 4 Part of Fehling's solution is disposing of hotel callers (12)
- 5 Scandalous jolly includes this writer (5)
- 6 Dangerous flyers: see some servicemen circled by those at sea (7)
- 7 Such as Paris metro I claim includes it (5)
- 8 Pawnshops in depots abroad, within boundary (12)
- 9 Special cell: old man maybe is among names there (6)
- 10 Treat cuttingly, earlier showing contempt? Ring off (4)
- 12 To anyone listening, called harshly for scrambled eggs (5)
- 19 Puts rice out for plates? (8)
- 21 Apocryphal stipulation by nasty old landlady, somewhat bleak? (7)
- 22 Capital item for Turk, his last after a very long day (6)
- 24 Leisure time on hill? One rambles in gardens (6)
- 25 In losing Andy may reduce Scotsmen to tears (5)
- 27 Treatise on morals, eastern, frequently not finished (5)
- 28 River Seine's surge — face copying what's written? (5)
- 29 Humourless parliamentarian displaying self-importance (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended, but does not help with a reference in 24.