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ACROSS

- 1 Double-decker? Modified bus taking family round: daughter, wife and one child (12, 2 words)
- 9 Tree yielding fruit he regularly cropped (6)
- 11 Urchin, age obscured in toughened skin (6, 2 words)
- 12 Launch hit like a rabbit punch (6)
- 13 Confined to clinic? I provide antibiotic (5)
- 14 Pioneering gardener losing trade in short supply (5)
- 16 Tea at Claridge's, varied? Digest this possibly (8, 3 words)
- 17 Inferior NFL team cancel (5)
- 18 Marie's head a judicial warrant cut, for the mob? (5)
- 21 Those entering society releasing 50% in advance payments (5)
- 22 Ancient tower Open University unearthed in pieces from town (5)
- 24 Like archetypal copper, not even interrupting screamer (8)
- 27 Language institute attended by stupid taking in nothing (5)
- 28 *The Seeds of Man*, penned by Prosper Mérimée (5)
- 30 Esmeralda, say, number one in girly sex appeal – stories will follow (6)
- 31 Give a big boost to arrogant whelp? Sounds like it (6, 2 words)
- 32 Old dotard pair, full of affection (6)
- 33 Matthew, for one, got all flustered on the Paris commuter service (12)

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Across 12, con torn + o; 13, 3 meanings; 14, o 1 (rev.) in turn; 17, ref. saying, 'B. will be b.'; 19, p, r + Elector; 24, comp. anag.; 26, rec. in put; 28, gri(n)d; crossword diagram; 31, bb in snee; 32 s + anag.; sawhorse.

Down 1, u in arches; 2, b + loop; 4, s comb rid; 6, bunt + (p)al(m); 10, 'winze'; 16, sicu in vela; 20, r + 'O dear'; 23, r in sups (rev.); Tottenham Hotspur; 27, 2 meanings.

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DOWN

- 1 Asian marsupial, stubborn creature copper captured (6)
- 2 Some Angolan cash wife put into floral festoon (4)
- 3 Evidence of overindulgence in the pub, though involving former step up (7, 2 words)
- 4 Endless dispute, endless concupiscence – bad news for the fishing industry (7)
- 5 Assassination in Japan might be seen to involve one (5)
- 6 Sorcery making one snigger audibly? (5)
- 7 Hush money, thanks you get in form of cash (8)
- 8 Rope leading horse that's increasingly lame? (6)
- 9 Scot's drunk, an alcoholic tippie endlessly imbibed in town? (10)
- 10 Star group unrestrainedly enveloped in applause (10)
- 15 Coals lit, noise inside brazier (8)
- 18 It's very warm below prayer wall for this variety of spurge (7)
- 19 Strong snuff for female not naturally cool? (7)
- 20 Sort of plug to work inside skewer (6)
- 23 Meat, a picnic requirement? (6)
- 25 Figaro, say, one captivated by attractive girl (5)
- 26 Atila's accountable for destruction of this Bible version (5)
- 29 Ophelia's tears maiden's shown in repentance? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give an abbreviation referred in 33.