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Across

- Composer's wife getting grip of exercises with piano? Rubbish (8)
- Camel hair coating successful group (4)
- Dominant Malagasies hard on drifters denied grants (4)
- Ape concealed in old raincoat? The opposite (8)
- Poet's confused in fancy hotels, one of the taps having come off? (5)
- Lizard from Indian territory, North America (6)
- Food for clue as an anagram, unsatisfactory to jewellers (11)
- NZ farm hand who may be ordered to hose pen endlessly (6)
- I peak, coming from behind, ahead of a top golfer (6)
- Some popular timps backing, high-hat-like? (6)
- Eruption, hot, in Iceland and going off explosively – little new (6)
- Family of fishes from America hide with camouflage (11)
- Car protected by French patron (6)
- Artist recalled exploit with centre of picture (5)
- Flowering plant acquired from shop, deal negotiated (8)
- Unconventional writing system fast losing following (4)
- Barmy stuff formerly essential for dyesters (4)
- Get cross about a bed, collapsed, that's 'ready to mount'? (8)

Down

- Lady's skin condition: one after opening has look inside (8)
- Scrubber prince put up pocketing cash (6)
- Knavery in Shakespeare, irregular when the monarch's involved (8)
- Article that's painful for old slave (5)
- Neckline feature, dandy buttonhole? (10)
- 'Dutiful', suggesting French ranker? (5)
- Almost stranded, on being kept in – arthritic condition? (8)
- A —, Asian, modifies appearance of Indian sahiba (6)
- A dimwit accounting for cow, old (4)
- Watching too much TV, maybe, turn oddly edgy, filled with joy (10)
- More than one sauce vessel, vulgarly flashy? Tart obscured (8)
- Dyestuff, rich, stirred in jar (8)
- Line that's jagged, irregular etc penned by poet (8)
- Box as a precaution (6)
- Surface gloss, well-known in a wing (6)
- Accommodation going up in smoke (in Edinburgh?) (5)
- River entering lake mistaken for a famous bay (5)
- There's nothing fine, alas, in this offensive label (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,434 solution & notes

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Across 1, i.e. m in anag. + rite; 16, DA + v in ties; 22, z(one) + n in OK; 28, c + co. (rev.) in aria; 31, alternate letters; 32, anag. in s hand; 33, paling + anag.
Down 5, cf. hermit; 7, Dr. o' sky; 9, i.e. (p)irate; 11, band + anag.; 17, a bin + art (rev.); 21, c. in anag.; 29, snip (rev.).

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