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Across

- 1 Innp deviously tucked into food for squirrel (8)
 8 Country gardener (4)
 13 Like a marine invertebrate, form of headless sea-urchin (8)
 14 Full-voiced native to get excited endlessly about nothing (8)
 15 Scottish mat, wide, incorporated in E. Indian mating (4)
 16 One sending message in part broadcast externally (6)
 18 Short lines, not many lacking width, prevalent in old poetry (4)
 19 Beetle to cause alarm in places? Lot losing heart kept inside (7)
 20 Exaggerates distance abroad covered by polar hero (10)
 22 Club poem's recast, causing fluster (10)
 26 Woodlice disconcerted cousins (7)
 27 Head (see) disposed of rustic cat (4)
 30 Small constellation? There's lines solemn Scot composed with this one (6)
 32 Idle women getting stuck into hock (4)
 33 Part of Burns night menu, tons of minimum quality (8)
 34 Fatty substance, one in blended lotions (8)
 35 One famous for severity? Requires working on in company (4)
 36 About to be buried in mortar – equivalent of this for ill-fated gangster? (8)

Down

- 2 Eggs laid in alternative to hay stuff (5)
 3 Relatives of woodpecker, one cat topped (4)
 4 Petri-bowgeois passion to climb in what's smart? (9)
 5 Traditional game – league retained by clubs (6)
 6 One responsible for pitch, we hear, in period of play (6)
 7 Fate plucking the writer in coffin (6)
 9 Horse, adult, frenzied, I had docked (4)
 10 Lost trick being trapped by girl, unruly (7)
 11 Link involved with Parisian ground, behindhand (11)
 12 Germanic of a kind? Varied roots run deep, mostly (11)
 17 Met ship founderling south of Asian capital, the work of brigands (9)
 21 Window in nave, cracked, letting sun in (7)
 23 Regarding early Irish immigrants, I brought in block (not the last) (6)
 24 No. 2 in pub opening quantity of bottles? Possibly (6)
 25 Obscure insect found in climbing tree (6)
 28 Advanced in rank from nothing at Mons around end thereof (5)
 29 Mug drunk with a dash of water in (4)
 31 Light now rarely seen in the battlements (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across: 16, rec use; 17, tribe with sets for rnb; 24, anag; in pas; 25, arc in a nasal (); 29, vice char in serge; 32, E in don't.
 Down: 1, shock = build shocks of corn; 4, BR 1 + anag; 5, c in reced(e); 6, earl + anag; in pt; 7, Nadad(); 9, an + roak(I)on (rev.); 14, sac char in; 18, ms (rev.) + a sled; 19, i go (rev.) in shoe; fling = shake; 22, st; cape (rev.); 27, (M)aine; 28, ka go.

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