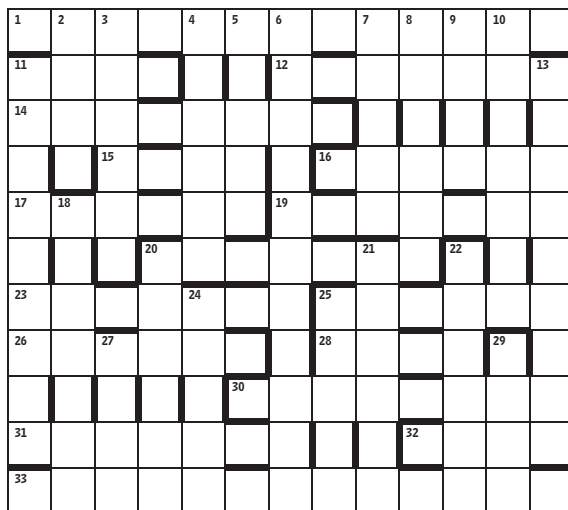


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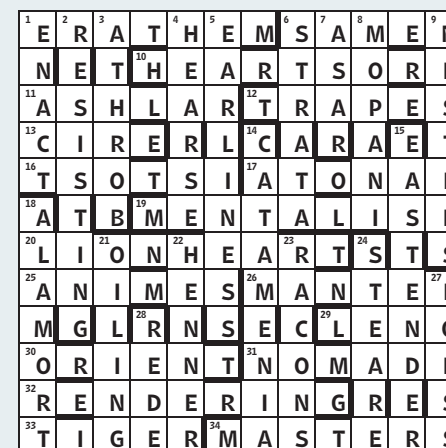
- 1 Approach Roy's wild garden, getting flash facility (13, 2 words)
- 11 Leading character in Sinbad with sizable chest? Dame here is famous! (4)
- 12 Catch thrown back in harbour, a bad sign (7)
- 14 Round Utah's capital money wasted on American spindle-tree (8)
- 15 Bowling, not full out? Being stiff one may come to this (4)
- 16 Box, old-style, half retreating, leading one a lively dance (6)
- 17 Difficulty involving chamber in repeated strain (6)
- 19 Wearer of distinctive hairstyle making Welsh girl stifle cry of alarm? (7)
- 20 Queen, English, occupying break in prayer (7)
- 23 I decide when life should end, fittingly having time for priest (7)
- 25 With which course ends, for instance in Jock's stomach? (6)
- 26 Jeweller's alloy for Scotsman containing minimum of base (6)
- 28 I'll be ahead of fool, enjoying success (4, 2 words)
- 30 Compromise in tax affairs, a beauty – nothing in it (8)
- 31 Protective bastion one aim with gun centrally blasted (7)
- 32 I say! With rind of orange distributed in it, it makes a nice potion (4)
- 33 Industrial groups in Germany mostly close to collapsing (13)

Down

- 2 Basket for fish caught by amateur with frequency round centre of lough (4)
- 3 Tropical plant in decayed matter fed to steer (6)
- 4 My tie's twisted – it renders further progress difficult (6)
- 5 Syncopated dance tune – maiden involved lifted outer garments (5)
- 6 Little old volume I twice sum up oddly as 'mosaic work' (11, 2 words)
- 7 Physics unit, year on new explosive taken up (5)
- 8 Writer contributing to testy letters (6)
- 9 Poet's in, losing time on recurrent idea (4)
- 10 Production of *Agonistes* – is cast visible to the audience? (7)
- 11 Individual offprint one artist placed in partition (9)
- 13 Drill I missed on complicated tunes causing non-mental effect (9)
- 18 Marsupial dung one's about to run over (7)
- 20 One of the Bee Gees briefly dressing up? (6)
- 21 Sir excited with one getting first (6)
- 22 Primitive e.g. creating a wild stir with ultimate in abstract (6)
- 24 Crude saddle, smooth but second to bottom (5)
- 25 Mother of goddess, accomplished, I accepted (5)
- 27 Principal writer on La Rive Gauche? (4)
- 29 Cooks reversing half measure (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 6, Nes/tor; 10, t/ally; 11, ar/k; 12, nex/t; 13, far/e; 16, pin/ts; 17, b/one; 19, judg/e; 20, batta/s; 25, maid/s; 26, l/ope; 29, sto/ut; 30, do/er; 31, de/mise; 32, sur/round; 33, pres/entable; 34, criticis/e.

Down 1, be/ing; 2, fi/ling; 3, b/ed; 4, over/tones; 5, f/ound; 6, ro/lle; 7, W/ing; 8, de/n; 9, ho/t; 14, tal/t; 15, low/ly; 18, p/ally; 21, t/ravel; 22, As/k; 23, fo/ul; ref. Nero; 24, ta/d; 27, fel/t; 28, co/ach.

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