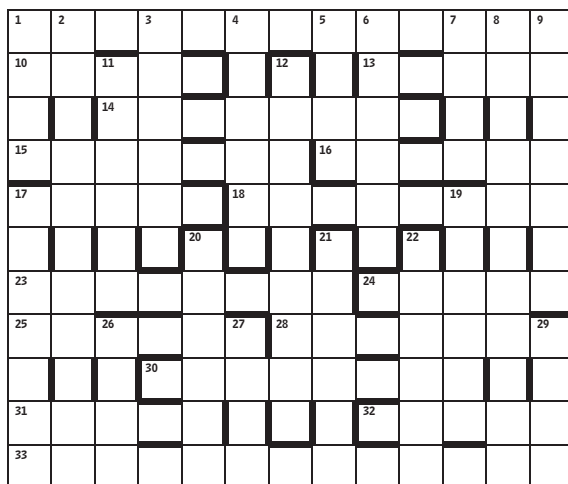


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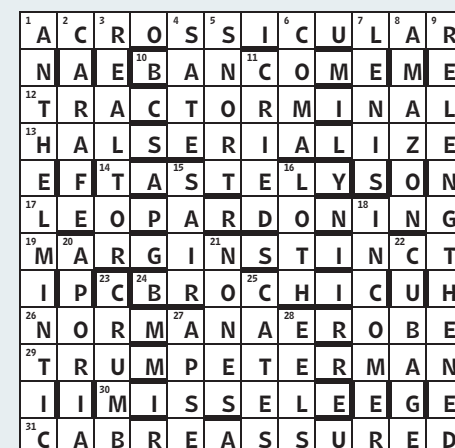
- 1 Colour in photo of catkin presenting dilemma (13)
- 10 One who's memorized major text has short, then champers (5)
- 13 Spot of Shakespeare? Had a glimpse, cut short (5)
- 14 Starfish I roasted alive? (8)
- 15 Little old bird tom's sneakily trapped in trough (7)
- 16 One records pictures from the marriage of Jemima and Gerald (6)
- 17 Outspoken little book about cases (5)
- 18 One making up jury changed last name (8)
- 23 Dainty old pieces from Etna after eruption, in a chain (8)
- 24 A bit of publicity from Dreamland? Golly! (5)
- 25 Would-be abstainers, including marines, notice, in naval engagement (6)
- 28 Tree, one featured in engraving (7)
- 30 Droop, vaguely atilt, like a missile (8)
- 31 Locust from Arabia tucked into core of maize (5)
- 32 What chippie once offered is wrapped in fish? (5)
- 33 Genders smitten with insane loveability (13)

Down

- 1 Light unit installed in cheap hotels (4)
- 2 Primitive sea creature: set rope for catching tailless number (11)
- 3 Remove crew from island, damn disgruntled about it (6)
- 4 Pompous company with old-style order where its heart should be (6)
- 5 In Cape Town uncle set up institute, fine for locals (4)
- 6 English school book, second mislaid in compound (6)
- 7 Fleece? Mine gets temperature hoisted (4)
- 8 Panacea reps flogged? Many try to keep them up (11)
- 9 To make stuffing went first for sage (7)
- 11 Minutes written up in financial paper, one detested by have-nots? (6, 2 words)
- 12 Brooch from Paris, bent out of shape (9)
- 17 Holiday for Stuart and Virginia to call off? Almost (7)
- 19 Awards marks art school's come up with (6)
- 20 Conference – international one coming up includes expert (6)
- 21 Blend worn as material for overcoats (6)
- 22 Keep fish in private room (6)
- 26 Once injured in play one's taken off, given up (4)
- 27 Seaweed forming a festoon away from land (4)
- 29 Lengths of cloth I cut from island 'label' (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, l a in a cur; 14, Ly(on); 17, anag. less g; 19, gram (rev.); 26, O in anag.; 29, r in tum; 30, mis(sing); 31, bac (rev.); anag.
Down 1, helm + anag. in antic; 4, hidden rev.; 6, comp. anag.; 9, l Eng. then in reed; 15, S + air; 16, (C)loth(o); 18, income + r(ich); 20, po in aria; 22, bag in cue; 23, c rumb(o); 25, i.e. Cates(by); ref. Gunpowder Plot; 28, slee (rev.).

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