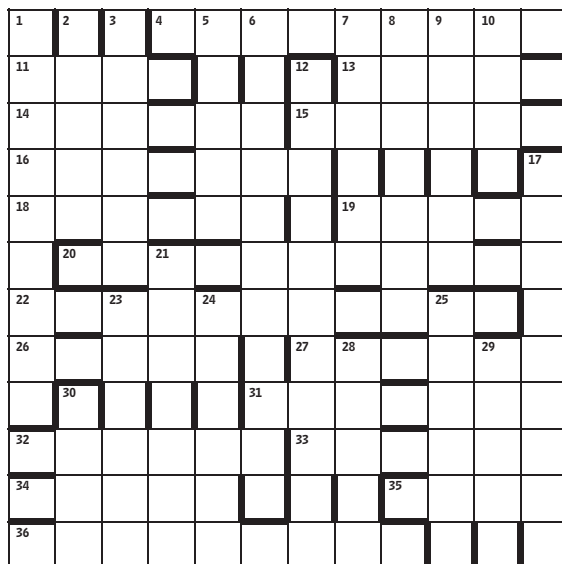


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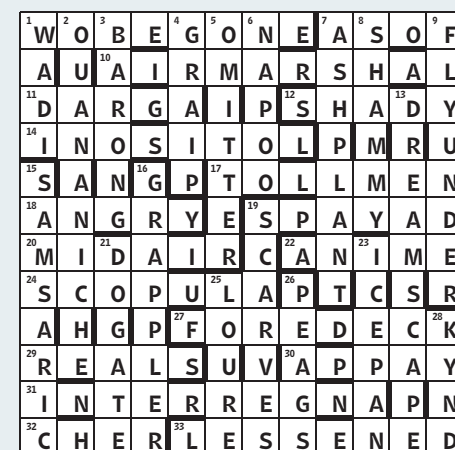
- 4 Passerines: I caught eastern one in course of journey (9)
 11 Tree, Australian, planted in dip (4)
 13 Without others, as of old, where Hereward took refuge? (5)
 14 Singular crop – millions graze locally (6)
 15 Newspaper's label for the common herd (6)
 16 In the morning loads Indian set meal receptacles (7)
 18 With stubby projections on shield, silver, held by orderly (6)
 19 Lump on the head, or wing? Not positive at first (5)
 20 Part of US trunk – call charge, minutes and ages being treated differently (11, 2 words)
 22 ENT meet for treatment, in short – it involves internal scouring (11)
 26 Faith displayed by husband? Wrong, in hindsight (5)
 27 Buck spends life in lodge (6)
 31 In Romeo you'll see misguided result of long-term bonding (7)
 32 Unaccompanied performances close to amplifier (6)
 33 Native American language without issue? Reverse of that (6)
 34 Bum holding one back? One gets all steamed up (5)
 35 I tucked into traditional stodge – it's often potted (4)
 36 Antipasto? Favourite is wrapped in e.g. onion-skin (no starter) (9)

Down

- 1 Some modern art is appealing, with time yielding to nonsense, crudely (9)
 2 Soft leather is taken from chamois, tanned (5)
 3 Youthful courtier robing king, one showing high birth (6)
 5 Australian fills tub in shallow lake locally? (5)
 6 Food prepared in task, private (11, 2 words)
 7 One supporting band on tour in Spain after radio broadcast (6)
 8 Inexperienced female, natural, in being moved to take the lead (7)
 9 Keep exotic fish in private room (6)
 10 Once calm, listener may have heard this from a troubadour (4)
 12 Features of club tea? There's a bit of a fiddle with name lists (11, 2 words)
 17 Bit of cloth held by Titian shaping ear parts (9)
 21 Tons left in net, what fishermen suspend from buoys (7)
 23 After run out, shot to leg lifted MCG attendance? (6)
 24 A spot of laryngitis which holds tenor up, number abandoned (6)
 25 Medicinal application I smear after start of nettle-rash (6)
 28 Leader of upper house has left, developing external constituents? (5)
 29 Money maybe raised to instigate drainage flow (5)
 30 Get soused around afternoon in bar, often (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, OB ego in anag.; 7, cf. sofa; 11, d + Agra (rev.); 20, anag. in mir; 22, anag. less c & lit.; 27, cede (rev.) in fork; 30, appa(rent l); 32, US singer and actor; 33, essen (Ger.) in led.

Down 1, I d(r)aw (rev.); 2, OU ana niche; 7, plan (qv) in anag.; 23, 'I span'; 26, Ag in pes; 28 n in (Thomas) Kyd (c. 1558-1594).

Rules and requests

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