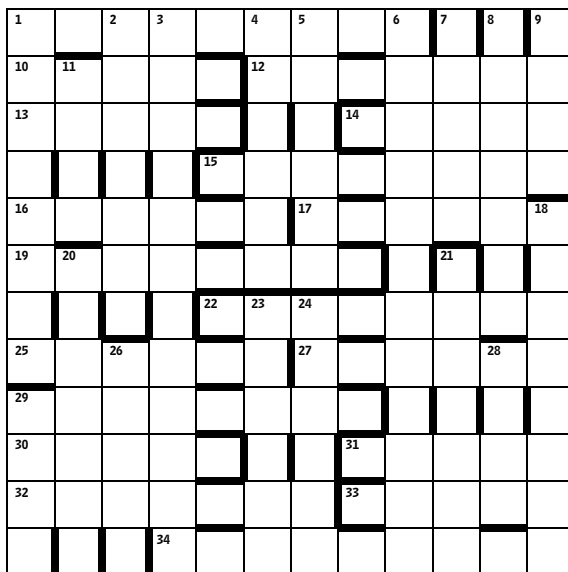


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Across

- 1 Dancing adepts incorporating half of dance leap on stage (9, 3 words)
- 10 Ancient author describing portion of holy scripture (5)
- 12 Love child I enveloped in all liquid of post-partum discharge (7)
- 13 Oriental porcelain damage has cracked classical pair (5)
- 14 Director's leading part for comic (5)
- 15 Special crumpet, showing beginning of new florescence (8)
- 16 Compound, robust, I had installed (6)
- 17 Handled containers of stone as sent for repackaging (6)
- 19 Slim and lively for US hootenanny (8)
- 22 Gets together before food, unravelling secret (8)
- 25 It's red at sea (or sort of red, bow to stern and vice versa) (6)
- 27 Mysterious chapters ingested, lout reformed (6)
- 29 Bonnes bouches maybe for being served in French city, not English (8)
- 30 It may reveal catch of grilse I net (5)
- 31 Boss rival disheartened? He was free but lowly (5)
- 32 Skirl I reckon, upset, penetrating silence (7)
- 33 Head of state's partner, so she's un-Boris in a way (5)
- 34 I act uneasily about robbery, being sceptical (9)

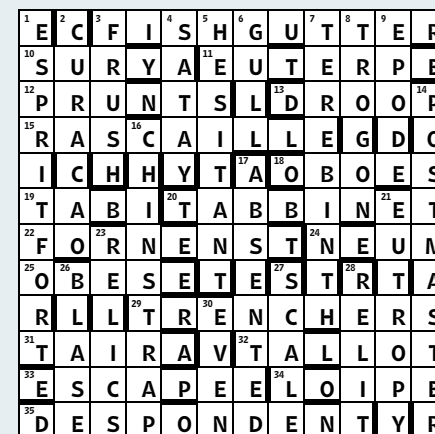
Down

- 1 Folded what's delicate in hamper (8)
- 2 Sardinia's capital – large part of *that's* limestone (7)

- 3 US plant needing help raised round cemetery near Washington (12)
- 4 What's this, one containing soft herrings? (6)
- 5 Spring festival's attended by millions in all-embracing philosophy (6)
- 6 Energy lost in trek replaced with red cheese sandwiches (bulky) (12)
- 7 Flower I held in palm (5)
- 8 Car panel, French article fitted in Packard? (7)
- 9 Succumb to sleepiness, an inevitable part of table talk (4)
- 11 You aim for Mecca, every last one – in this? (4)
- 18 Loss City's suffering, denoting a certain physical collapse (8)
- 20 Explosive carbamide containing potassium, a brilliant invention (7)
- 21 Guy in tutu's distributed snuff? (7, 2 words)
- 23 Manger to come upon, containing last of fodder (6)
- 24 Mix new chocolate? A lot we —, possibly (6)
- 26 Sensation over source of poodle pedigree (5)
- 28 Receive education in local school in Killarney (4)
- 29 E.g. Leipziger half set firmly in his ways? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 4 in the entry for a derived word.

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Across 15, ill in anag.; 18, anag. less d + s; 22, for + n in nest; 24, E in Num. (OT); 31, (l)ariat (rev.); 33, sca(b-bard) in epee; 35, po(u)nd for c in descent.
Down 1, anag. + for t; 2, u raca in co.; 7, bint in anag.; 9, comp. anag. & lit.; 14, mast in poster; 16, ch. + anag. + p; 17, sent in abed; 21, anag. less d + ropy; 23, anag. of alternate letters; 30, (St)even(age).

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