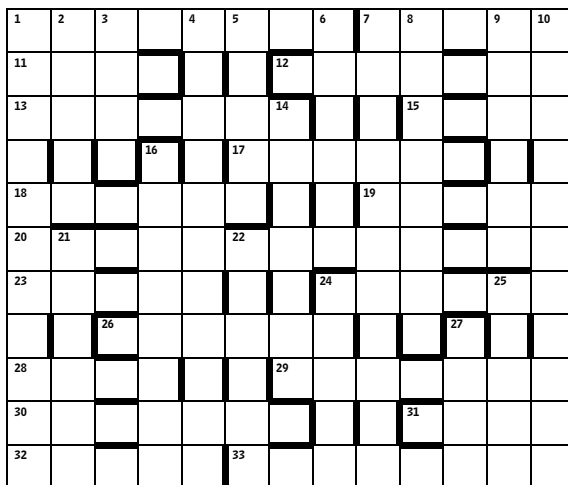


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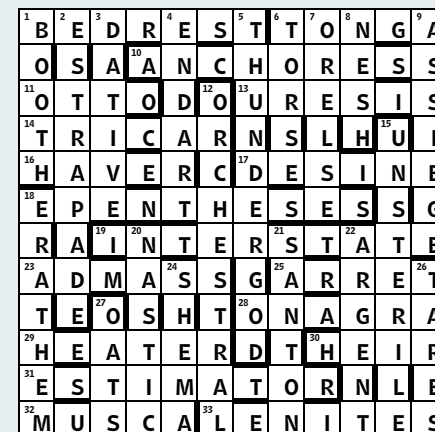
- 1 Mechanical widget? Pair fitting into hollow (8)
- 7 Most of skin one's revealed in part of strip? (5)
- 11 James, or Jim? (4)
- 12 Sailors' song in the can almost, with arrangement (7)
- 13 What's hooked or what's netted by us, mass in hold (7)
- 15 Some mammal garnering seaweed (4)
- 17 Basic text for Jews, showing damage with age rolling round (6)
- 18 Carriage sadly caught in fringes of crash (6)
- 19 Damage that was on the inside of Paris cathedral (5)
- 20 King having correspondence with clergy (not RC) – 'e offers help for those on the rocks (13)
- 23 Halt progress, at sea? Sign alternates with it (5, 2 words)
- 24 Jellyfish sting's first bit I fear when swimming (6, 2 words)
- 26 Rogue forms despicable type in course of meal (6)
- 28 Tower X left unfinished, twice (4)
- 29 Investigators going after one in court historically, ending it all (7)
- 30 Fruit of abnormal size – selection stocked (7)
- 31 Brain tissue turning sickly, in needing to be removed (4)
- 33 Sort of Germanic hidalgo exchanging components (5)
- 33 Timber I cut roughly, given guidance, was like aspen? (8)

Down

- 1 Criss-cross pattern in thin strip on gilded leather (11)
- 2 The breath of life was going in the old man (5)
- 3 Pop video maybe, without piano initially, in revival of the genre (4)
- 4 Oldest cargo going off in refrigeration (11, 2 words)
- 5 Scotch trouble? Spirit that's disgusting (5)
- 6 Doctor kept in like this reads intensively (6)
- 7 Wing a crane's seen to flap and fly around (11)
- 8 Like a nihilist, rarely over-obsessive about architecture (8)
- 9 High tone on being released tremolo in octave (6)
- 10 Topic dominated by tragic monarch clutching the fool (11)
- 14 Filibuster's dry up when about end of subject (7)
- 16 Dress materials; treat embroidered lengths (short) in print (8)
- 21 Sweeper, one prone to patrol breadth with ball? (6)
- 22 Former province was still held by leader of Turkish uprising (6)
- 24 Quick fry-up, one forming break for pie of suet (5)
- 25 Peter pursuing trendy freelance company (5)
- 27 Girl, Victoria's close friend, that is missing? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 1, com/ing; 6, ho/me; 10, m/uck; 11, lo/ok; 13, pleas/ing; 14, selec/t; 16, was/ted; 17, i/t; 18, m/ad; 19, pa/d; 23, l/ively; 25, b/urns; 28, li/ve; ref. Marriott Edgar: *Albert and the Lion*; 29, pos/ies; 30, T/ony; 31, b/y; 32, ignora/nt; 33, si/ting.

Down 1, Re/al; ref. Hal, name of the computer on the spacecraft in *2001, A Space Odyssey*; 2, wav/er; 3, wine/ry; 4, l/ist; 5, wor/ry; 7, m/en; 8, bo/ard; 9, l/ed; 12, min/e; 15, p/ast; 18, op/inion; 18, prizewinning clue by E. C. Lance in Azed No. 2,443; 20, wor/ker; 21, wa/y; ref. murder of J. Caesar; 22, w/ry; 24, Thi/n; 26, cas/t; 27, g/etting.

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