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Across

- 4 Intense longing a former athlete held in pulsating chest (9)
 10 I vary resistance, i.e. record ohm cut in a way (8)
 12 Cultivate last of clay, of boulder type (5)
 13 Old poet, inferior, first of poems written out in exercise book (5)
 14 Queen once, suffering her fate? That's fishy (8)
 15 Individual plant penetrating out-of-date market from the east (5)
 16 Very odd pieces found in sales (5)
 17 Stole skinned hare trapped by hunter (7)
 19 Fields by waterway where (one might assume) gondoliers are found? (4)
 22 Pa quitting field of play, once beaten (4)
 23 Lenten Sabbath dashed *real* tea (7)
 24 Taking part in demo, tend to hold back? Far from it (5)
 28 A din reverberating round constant battery (5)
 29 Fish among rocks, proceeding left to right? (8)
 31 Geordie, first to last defenceless (5)
 32 Trees yielding sticky stuff India disgorged? (5)
 33 Journey regularly round length on Asian river, more than once? (8)
 34 One of twelve in US showing ermine off among leaders (9)

Down

- 1 Result of bone fusion – skill hid sores after surgery (11)
 2 Aniseed liquor turned up in tea, an Indian 'fiddle'? (7)

- 3 Millions involved in endless festival, a lifesaver (7)
 4 SA bird, rather shy about love's first letter (4)
 5 Concerning fish at sea caught by strong rope, it's within regulation (12)
 6 Foundling home giving many hours with pal for Twist (12)
 7 Woman in historical costume? Glance in Shakespeare (5)
 8 Allow no escape from the mines (5, 2 words)
 9 Editor takes in team – to treat text thus? (5)
 11 Being badly dressed in foreign country for closing dates of short visits? (11, 2 words)
 14 A bird making love? (4, 2 words)
 18 This Québécois, non-specified, property-owner is entitled to this (4)
 20 Little old boat, one lacking in nothing, housing a radio transmitter (7)
 21 Slender girl, ace to play around with (7)
 25 Source of fur, ultimate in affluence – a threatened species? (5)
 26 Several outsiders tossed by rodeo nags in the arena (5)
 27 It gives good shelter from Indian sun, being a long time in Pacific tree (5)
 30 Part of hammer extracting centre from nut? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,572 solution & notes

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31	C	E	R	O	U	S	S	T	E	A	L	E
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Across 7, pud in s, s; 5, R + enta(l); 18, per spica city; 26, hidden rev.; 30, anag. less r; 33, a + swad (rev.).

Down 2, e in Temme; 4, a L mous(e); 8, can OO p (all rev.); 10, comp. anag. & (vaguely) lit.; 20, i.e. (W)eald = al in ed; 22, ant in mel; 23, (d)rank le(ad); 27, x in rein (rev.).

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