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Across

- 1 Common wife, slag, supplying part of course? (12, 2 words)
- 9 I rest relaxing, having smuggled in means of clearing customs (8)
- 12 Head of government's aid, female assistant given run in (6)
- 13 French wine the local tax has backed (5)
- 14 Mock title for woman from Belfast area immersed in cooking ingredients (7, 2 words)
- 16 Oriental with right hand's beginning to unwind – playing on it? (4)
- 18 Henry tucking into beer that's favoured draw (6)
- 19 Company having left as a pair, given guidance towards the summit? (5)
- 21 Some made fertile yield (5)
- 23 Something like the Vulgate a Catholic mostly recalled (5)
- 24 It involves two parties, charge without alcohol (5)
- 25 Once scattered a short time, not cooked in tin (6)
- 26 Small broom is used inside weather permitting (4)
- 28 Entrepreneur via the Net, sort of salesman but not the first (7)
- 30 Product of a W. Indian tree, resown in Maine (5)
- 31 Brighten shortly, that is round island from the east (7)
- 32 Deadlocks, the devil when confronting fools (8)
- 33 Shabby cafes wherein dimwits will welcome reps? Say, possibly (12, 2 words)

Down

- 1 Woman a kid's strangely clothing in a loose shirt (7)
- 2 University female almost soaked as torchbearer? (9)
- 3 One restraining row of guns (4)
- 4 One's horny on becoming split up in vineyard (5)
- 5 Bill overcome by dejection with matrimony leading to bad temper (11)
- 6 Fiancée, in care, then died after start of engagement (8)
- 7 Religious vault I see, enveloped by divine spirit? (4)
- 8 The old assemble providing endless comfort for the poor? (5)
- 10 Continuous attentions I upset with Saudis over marriages (11)
- 11 Perfume container, long, held by mum (6)
- 15 Who would ingratiate himself means fidgeting after pretext (9)
- 17 I dispensed with trick in lesson, unlikely to be scratchy? (8)
- 20 Stone that's bright green when held in palm, twinkling (6)
- 22 Queen, female sovereign, lacking in millions to subjugate (7)
- 25 Scots colt leads to scoop third Aintree in gallop (5)
- 26 With changing of loci this may indicate message of compliance (5)
- 27 Some lure pike leaping in this? (4)
- 29 Game making a row with second dropping (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, B u in anag. of 6 Ac.; 12, MP in i.e. + anag.; 24, hug in anag.; 30, Horac(e) in tic; 32, en su(it)e.

Down 4, s(l)immer; 5, mo(p)py; 6, anag. less a, a; 8, ME + gamer + Ger.; 21, poll (rev.) in es (Fr. = art); 25, ref. G. Garbo ('I want to be alone!'); 28, ref. racer (qv).

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