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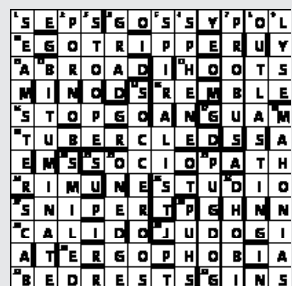
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ACROSS

- 1 Blues record absorbing one very much (6)
- 6 Dismay before contract (7)
- 11 Helmet damaged on rim, or lining (7)
- 13 Sweet drink? Joey maybe imbibes singles (7)
- 14 Laws? There's a range (4)
- 15 Polled number having taken the pledge (4)
- 16 Antico puzzles leaving one debilitated (6)
- 17 Baubles left in a heap (5)
- 19 Volume written by a young female that's touching a nerve (5)
- 20 Zeal maybe shown by soul singers, i.e. when stirred (13)
- 22 Madrasah teacher penning journal in hot part of harem (5)
- 24 Sweet drink that's ace, imbibed by woman (5)
- 25 Under 'batting, holding line' hard hitters won't (6)
- 27 Draught perhaps requiring cushion cover (4)
- 29 Take a little girl that's backward (4)
- 30 Plant disease that's switched to trees (7)
- 31 Flower, unit out of place amid veg (7)
- 32 Endlessly furious having set about Scottish tramp (7)
- 33 Time under temporary cover gets the old concentrating (6)

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Across 1, s(t)eps; 10, i.e. "Egot Ripper"; 11, AB + road (qv); 13, too in sh (all rev.); 15, (t)remble; 16, p in S Togo; 21, anag. + at H; 30, do in Jug + I; 31, ergo ph obia; 32, behests with Dr for H.

Down 1, anag. + ret (rev.); 3, stoope(d); 6, sphere with n for R; 9, 'lies', ref. Trump - speak; 18, ho. in man + a in is; 20, cf. misled; 22, one d + e.g. (rev.); 26, dh (qv) + obi; 27, scab (bard).

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Whisky marque, old-fashioned bottles (10)
- 2 One John Murphy and the like (4)
- 3 Rail wildly in bombast producing old-style insult (11)
- 4 Go slow after run out? There's something here for the spinners (5)
- 5 Only a minimum of rain but enough for weed (4)
- 6 Wind getting up, anonymous one trundles across the steppes (5)
- 7 Does it transport Guaraní, number going for peso? (7)
- 8 Old service book left with bank of a kind (6)
- 9 Coinop place offering coffee with less than minimum of extras included (11)
- 10 Bit of old gold a smith fashioned to circle king (7)
- 12 Support setter struggling in unfashionable address! (10)
- 18 Rum I mixed with ale for ancient festival (7)
- 19 Sentry (mounted) was checking endlessly about identity (7)
- 21 He regularly negotiates traps – foreleg damaged, energy lost (6)
- 23 Indian tree local government raised, centre of cult (5)
- 24 I'll be gripped by frenzy through which animal passed (5)
- 26 Monkey God, God finally deposed (5)
- 28 Do well though denied good first school (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended but does not give 8 except in a cross-reference to a word only appearing in earlier editions.