

# Crossword No. 280

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## Across

- 1 Old evening primrose planted on a grand scale? (6)
- 7 All cruel changes consisting of self-replicating units. (8)
- 8 Strand of yarn leading to conclusion. (4)
- 10,1 Meerkats bury assortment where supply exceeds demand! (6, 6)
- 14 Girl seen in towns in Burma & Sweden. (3)
- 16 Composer with range E to low E. (5)
- 17 Volcano is France's and (from the start) towns all over North America. (4)
- 19 Early attempt at compulsory military service. (5)
- 21 Light wood that, on gaining mass, produces fragrant resin. (5)
- 22 Country dance resembling horse racing, after losing what's briefly left. (5)
- 23 Lady Stefani is senile? (4)
- 26 Pru Scales character was a prophetic? (5)
- 28 South African invention, initially: an oriental weapon. (3)
- 29 Cash forger who invents words? (6)
- 30 Particle possessed by Reagan briefly. (6)
- 31 Yarn crossing warp; a short time after, few go back. (4)
- 32 Bear fury unrestrained in month when it's cold in England ... (8)
- 33 but we can see hens in several coats! (6)

## Down

- 1 See that bod lie, boiled: it's hateful! (6)
- 2 Heavy metal sulphide in high wind? Not applicable. (6)
- 3 The top ones e.g. in aviation combat elements. (4)
- 4 Forage plant in Oklahoma and Oregon. (7)
- 5 Quench thirst at south waterway. (5)
- 6 Fireplace grille can annoy. (5)
- 8 Turquoise Nancy damaged going north. (4)
- 9 Vase to shape when short of time. (3)
- 12 A communist, in Germany? Nonsense! (3)
- 13 Dallas family in Star Wars fighter craft! (5)
- 15 Synthetic fibre – or Mr Chaney's protease family. (5)
- 18 Plaything briefly a knockout but treated badly – big in Japan. (5)
- 19 Pulse when Roald the writer lost an hour. (3)
- 20 Arsenic and phosphorus circumscribe the Egyptian cobra. (3)
- 21 Lab fuel exploded – which was ominous. (7)
- 22 Liquor is a trap. (3)
- 23 Novel interrogator insect. (6)
- 24 Scottish guide starts to be hermetic. (4)
- 25 14 when German chronicles ... (6)
- 26 ... deride South African food. (5)
- 27 A sword for Mr Baggins. (5)
- 28 Prepaid means to reply; so Scottish! (3)
- 30 Emotional fervour in Wales, perversely why – briefly left. (4)