## ACROSS

1 Of fundamental importance or a ruddy capped measuring stick $(1,8,4)$
10 I am a moan, but I can bring you to your senses (7)
11 This line is on court at the same height (7)

12 Not in play of late (4)
13 Refined about the South, a money bag (5)
15 A goddess found in Thebes (4)
17 Not, I hear (3)
19 Father, have you taken these (6)
21 Would you grow a little one (6)
22 Rustled up a sweet one (7)
23 Bloody past-pupil $(3,3)$
25 Gratitude in China for domesticating the shrew (6)
27 For this, I cannot remember (3)
29 One mother leads prayers (4)
30 One needs a point, to help you get to the top (5)
31 Wager a letter (4)
34 After tea you and me cover a foot with a bunch of grass (7)
35 Quiet, the French piece of stiff paper is a poster (7)
36 The acrobat did cry when he lived in this paper town $(9,4)$

## DOWN

2 He who gives 19 across is in this (7)
3 Right liquid for writing on thin ice here (4)
4 The artist has one in a repetitively boring way ( $2,1,3$ )
5 Use a little volume to charge (6)
6 Had made the call from the ladder (4)
7 With fifty one around the Loch, she has pride (7)
8 They will get to the heart of matters (13)
9 Sent to say hello, has sir cantered his horse about $(8,5)$
14 There's fifty in virtue, in a little watery way (7)
16 Andirons with no noise about, is a crime (5)

18 Fly high around fifty for this type of energy (5)
20 Sixty minus nine gives a pig pen (3)
21 Stake, miss a beat (3)
24 No life in this water $(4,3)$
26 Nice tax if rounded off (7)
27 Living fossil is no blooming tree, drink a thousand and don't stay (6)
28 Can a headless plug still wear a hat (6)
32 Before the cold be brave (4)
33 Soapy stone with a feline around fifty (4)

## SOLUTION

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RUSTLED [anagram]
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BLOODY [anagram]
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