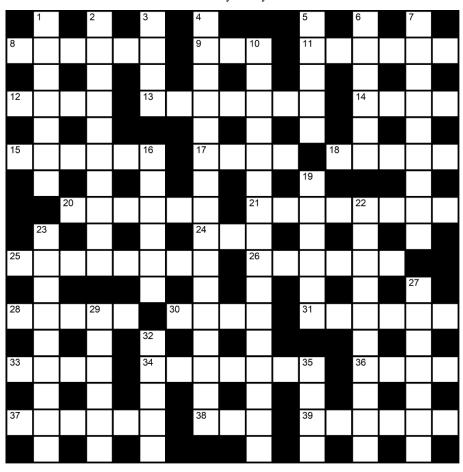
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NOTE TO SOLVER: the source of all quotations is The 4

Across

- 8 Slight gin sling with mineral (6)
- 9 Female spacewalk? (3)
- 11 Enter backwards for a "natural measure of respectability" (6)
- 12 Grace left out infection (4)
- 13 I go live over to Gordon, author of *The Riddle of Richard Pearse* (7)
- 14 Just above organisation bridging river (4)
- 15 Allocate task to "this noble vertebrate" at half 8 (6)
- 17 A bed of fire? (4)
- 18 "Proponent of a new misrule" found amongst the harebells (5)

Down

- 1 All you've got is type displaying "low taste, more interested in himself than me" (7)
- 2 Smith holds fine rig "used in pointing out two malefactors" (10)
- 3 Lady's love for a British Grenadier, perhaps? (4)
- 4 I discordantly 33, almost 25, for the wit and wisdom of a 10, perhaps (6,10)
- 5 "Organ to be bilious with" being? (5)
- 6 A small volume employ "to affirm another's guilt [often] as a justification for having wronged him" (6)
- 7 Cry of pain amidst glowing coal journalist put in leafy shelter (9)

- 20 Rodent's mechanical mind taking in "the rheumatism of a rich patient" (6)
- 21 Excited to drill the 18s (8)
- 24 Annoyed cup got chip? (3)
- 25 Queen perhaps holds Yogi to be weird (8)
- 26 A tense negotiation for a "body charged with high duties and misdemeanours" (6)
- 28 Took the scarf (5)
- 30 Audibly restrained Norse god? (4)
- 31 Go back inside mobile home to get curdled milk (6)
- 33 Picture struggle to the west (4)
- 34 Note unruly mob pursuing Margaret, a writer (7)
- 36 Thanks to Ned Kelly's beginnings, "so distinguished a criminal should have been ducked in a __ of rosewater" (4)
- 37 Urchin to see about a horse (3,3)
- 37/26 Player of King Beryl to run NY? (Joke!) (3,7)
- 39 Instrument given to alien might be shrinking (6)

- 10 I throw help back liqueur (without a 'U') set before former Catholic church official (9,7)
- 16 Nervous announcing new mineral? (Not mine) (6)
- 19 Apply heat to yard "only a 3 will venture to drink it" (6)
- 22 Cat getting injection: I tag it over "a machine which you go into a pig and come out a sausage" (10)
- 23 Rating marker for "one who yields to the temptation of denying himself pleasure" (9)
- 27 See 37 Across
- 29 Wife wearing coat is "one skilled in circumvention" (6)
- 32 Era of the commercial supplies "boned wisdom for weak teeth" (5)
- 35 English navy, without a sort of lashing, gives "emulation adapted to the meanest capacity" (4)