## Arcana

A tough puzzle for expert solvers. (All solution words appear in *Chambers English Dictionary*, 1988 Edition)

## **ACROSS**

- 1 The German holds stock-cube diagram for philosophic compiler (11)
- **10** Don't start remedy with a body fluid (4)
- 11 Front protection and not Pennsylvania backing (5)
- **13** Maybe stroke as Roman disguise (7)
- **14** Finish off postman's walk (5)
- **15** Outside sport, dog with a wig! (6)
- **16** Persevere without language (4)
- **17** Keyboard six in clear discord (7)
- **18** Odd human name for saddle-pad (6)
- **24** Escritoire agency (6)
- 25 Reindeer gets Central American almost dismissed (7)
- **27** Service article returned from a distance (4)
- **29** Regular payment for genuine holy book inside (6)
- **32** Eastern coin to explode without starter (5)
- **33** Safely cuttable patterned tiles around the city (7)
- **34** Compiler joins Marvin for skirmish (5)
- **35** Censure the said blockage (4)
- **36** Egalitarian to sort captain out! (11)

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## **DOWN**

- 1 Hospital op when once muddy toe breaks (12)
- 2 Esprit de corps only verbal without me (4)
- 3 English region monarch brought up strong Iberian wine (5)
- 4 Eastern orchestra with perhaps a mangle (7)
- **5** Back end of our free tea bar (4)
- **6** Abolish iodine cellrings (6)
- 7 Normal wraith with anorak (5)
- 8 Rising river tide maybe learned (7)
- **9** Fail to supply enough juice for vibes (12)

- 12 Start televised? (5)
- 15 Day beyond the enclosure will be imminent (4)
- **19** God in the style of wine (7)
- **20** Tree outside Biblical city yields liqueur (7)
- **21** Topless wall-painting of Russian range (4)
- **22** Wedge tailless insect below leg armour (5)
- **23** Lisbon said to hide stunted growth (6)
- **26** Generate sugar source, about a gram (5)
- **28** Churchman upsets farrier without hesitation (5)
- **30** Sieve the river, say (4)
- **31** Cairo dancer gripped by Dalmatian (4)