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Across

- 1 A strait between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (5,7)
- 8 Short moral stories, especially with animals as characters (6)
- 11 The capital of India (3,5)
- 12 A bright gleam or flash (5)
- 13 Surname of French brothers Albert and Michel, owners of Le Gavroche when it became the first UK restaurant to gain three Michelin stars (4)
- 14 A sheikhdom in the North East United Arab Emirates, on the Persian Gulf (5)
- 15 Illustrations facing the title pages of books (13)
- 17 Dried legumes used in soups and to make pease pudding (5,4)
- 19 Refusal or inability to swallow (7)
- 23 David ———, British Paralympic wheelchair athlete who has won the London Marathon eight times (4)
- 24 A light, malleable, silvery-white metallic element (9)
- 25 A stratagem for gain, a swindle (4)
- 26 Shapes or pictures drawn aimlessly (7)
- 28 American dish consisting of chopped lettuce, chicken, hard-boiled egg, bacon, avocado, vinaigrette and blue cheese (4,5)
- 31 English merchant and slave trader, whose statue was

- toppled in Bristol in June 2020 (6,7)
- 34 A worker, especially in an office, who keeps records (5)
- 36 Long, snakelike fish with smooth, slimy skin and reduced fins (4)
- 37 In Greek mythology, the successor to Oedipus as king of Thebes (5)
- 38 To dupe, trick (8)
- 39 The royal house that ruled in England from 1603 to 1714 (6)
- 40 20th Century American business magnate, aviator and film maker (6,6)

Down

- 2 ——— macaque, a monkey of South Asia, used extensively in medical research (6)
- 3 Person who carries off and holds someone, usually for ransom (9)
- 4 James K. ———, the 11th President of the US (4)
- 5 A vessel containing an alcoholic drink offered to a horse rider in the saddle (7,3)
- 6 An extremely unreactive colourless, odourless element of the rare gas series (5)
- 7 Alchemical preparation supposed to be capable of prolonging life indefinitely or of transmuting base metals into gold (6)
- 8 Slang term for a deliberate attempt to make an innocent person seem guilty of a crime (3-2)
- 9 See 29

- 10 Relating to the Christian Church throughout the world, especially with regard to its unity (10)
- 16 The concluding part of any performance or presentation (6)
- 18 Essential ——— acids, organic compounds that cannot be synthesised in the body and must be components of the diet (5)
- 20 Tall, South American grass cultivated for its large, feathery flower branches (6)
- 21 A temporary transfer to another job or post within the same organisation (10)
- 22 Character and symbol in George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, the leader of the totalitarian state of Oceania (3,7)
- 25 Informal word for a scamp or rascal (9)
- 27 A lake between Israel, Jordan and the West Bank with very high salinity (4,3)
- 29 and 9 20th Century American animator and director who founded an animation studio with William Hanna (6,7)
- 30 Hard alloy consisting primarily of copper and a smaller proportion of tin (6)
- 32 A gold coin that was used as a trade currency throughout Europe before the First World War (5)
- 33 Another name for a tendon (5)
- 35 In the Old Testament, a Hebrew patriarch who built a ship to survive the Flood (4)

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