Instructions: Every clue answer discards one letter before entry into the diagram. These 34 thrown-away letters are not wasted, however. Taken in order (Acrosses, then Downs) they spell out a complete cryptic clue for the otherwise unclued word in the centre of the diagram at 20 Across (which is entered intact). All discarded letters (except for the one at 1 Across) occur at squares with crossing words. The theme of this puzzle is based on a cryptic by Henry Cox and Emily Rathvon whose creations appear in The Atlantic Monthly.


## Across

1 For example, follows every sea mammal swimming west at a somewhat lively pace (10)
10 Reversing tide harbors a tribute song (5)
11 Policeman's report back about nothing (7)
12 Bed made from pad and hair (8)

13 Starts on my eastern Cape Cod annual vacation heaven (5)
14 So intimate, complex way to get a statistic (10)
16 NIOSH reorganized atomic particles (5, 2 words, abbrev.)
17 Silly sport on 16 Across (7)
20 See instructions
21 Hotel convenience ordered anytime (7)
23 Defeat or attach by the sound of it (5)
26 Still normal after beer adjusted the Spanish kind of curve (10)
28 Coordinate replacing start of episodes of 60 Minutes - not mine (5)
29 Morsel of lean meat makes a small noise? (8)
31 Derivative coarse and high (7)
32 Starts to key input on South Korean information booth (5)
33 Fools beginning to send older boys to student's test evaluation (10)

## Down

1 One-way axis indifference (6)
2 Fluke pair in the middle of farm has left (8)
3 Flat in Oxford houses Cuban-American immigrant (6)
4 Attendee Gore confused (4)
5 Formal documents about small arm pieces (6)
6 Sailboats decorate with plastic wrap top to bottom (9)
7 Place in routine floral emblem (7)
8 Strange optic in the work quoted (5, 2 words, abbrev.)
9 Most average? Most contemptible (7)
15 Lotions more frequently found in steamships (9)
18 Obvious single harmonic (8)
19 Scanner label misread brocade (7, 2 words)
20 Second new work unit between two clubs' combined operation (7)
22 Recognize fish in Scottish river (6)
24 Short introduction from runner rising to pressure (6)
25 Buy shares in sleeveless clothing item (6)
27 Northern Europe has nerve prefix (5)
30 Capacities for memory performances (4)

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