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ACROSS
1 A handbook or guide kept constantly at hand for consultation (4,5)
6 River flowing through Washington DC (7)
10 Film by Kurosawa based on Shakespeare's *King Lear* (3)
11 Co-star in the film *Singin' in the Rain* (1952) (6,7)
12 King of the Visigoths who captured Rome in 410 AD (6)
13 Major river of Thailand (4,6)
16 Russian writer known for the satirical play *The Government Inspector* (1836) (7,5)
17 Proofreader's instruction to restore a deletion (4)
19 A feldspathic rock used in making hard-paste Chinese porcelain (8)
20 US actor whose first Oscar came for the film *Philadelphia* (3,5)
22 A traditional Moroccan house, built round an interior garden (4)
23 The pseudonym of 19th-century American humorist Henry Wheeler Shaw (4,8)
26 A fabric with a pattern of coloured checks and intersecting lines (10)
27 Cocktail made with Scotch whisky and vermouth (3,3)
29 A thiazine dye now used chiefly as a biological stain (9,4)
31 A monetary unit in Macau (3)
32 An eight-day Jewish harvest festival beginning on the 15th day of Tishri (7)
33 River of the land of Troy, now known as the Menderes (9)

DOWN
1 Another name for wild hyssop or holy herb (7)
2 A channel between Greenland and Iceland linking the Arctic Ocean with the Atlantic (7,6)
3 Small, round, thin pieces of meat (10)
4 Where Jesus is said to have turned water into wine (4)
5 Name of one of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus (8)
6 A figure of speech in which an abstract thing is represented as speaking (12)
7 A medicated tablet held in the mouth until it has dissolved (6)
8 An Egyptian god of the desert, thunder, storms and of fertility (3)
9 Author of *Don Quixote* (9)
10 Anaphid that threatened to destroy the vineyards of Europe in the 19th century (10)
11 Inflammation of a major salivary gland often caused by mumps (9)
12 Author of *The Riddle of the Sands* (8)
14 French dramatist who originated the theory of the Theatre of Cruelty (7,6)
15 Chief protagonist of George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (7,5)
18 An aphid that threatened to destroy the vineyards of Europe in the 19th century (10)
19 Inflammation of a major salivary gland often caused by mumps (9)
21 Author of *The Alexandria Quartet* (4)
25 A sheep of a fine-woollen Spanish breed (6)
28 One of the books of *The Alexandria Quartet* (4)
30 The standard monetary unit of Albania (3)

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