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HATCHET JOB by Lexman and friend

The “spare parts” used to fit words into the grid are all body parts.

RED words have body parts added.

GREEN words are each a word in the clue that must be chop-'n'-swapped before solving.

BLUE words are clue solutions that must be chop-'n'-swapped before grid entry.

ACROSS

1. [F] Whistle-blower's effort with publicity (**EFFORT** to **FORTE**) – F + INK
4. Spare part for this puzzle grid's contents? – **LEG (H)** + **CHIN** = LECHING
9. Without borders, no man is an Arab – OMANI (H)
10. Editor following book's plot – **B + ED** + **RIB** = BRIBED
11. [I] Unit (karat, for example) (**UNIT** to **TUN**) – K + E.G.
12. [S] Uses a caress to control livestock (**CARESS** to **SCARE**) – COW (2)
14. End for bishop in headquarters facility – E + [B]ASE
15. Pawns wines – HOCKS (2)
17. Cheerful tune I'll put out on time – LIL* + T
18. Returning, a god possesses one-third of Africa – SAH + AR + A (R)
20. [E] Usher people (**USHER** to **RUSH**) – RACE (2)
23. [N] French author of *The Fifth Eagle* – **V + ERNE** (to **EVER**)
25. State prize for monkey – MEDDLE (“medal”)
27. Black resin coating piece of leather – G(L)UM
28. [R] Above average track star's stiff drink – **B + RACER** (to **ACERB**)
31. [A] China engineered a series of events – **CHAIN*** (to **INCH**)
32. Shakespeare's does and bucks hot on the trail of dandelion head – D + OTH*
34. [T] Second-highest obstacle – **S + TOP** (to **OPS**)
35. Drink a little bit of eggnog – **A + L + E + LEG** = ALLEGE
36. [K] Twisted ankle, bearing down with a lot of weight (**ANKLE** to **LEAN**) – LA(D)EN*
37. Spy with cover blown, sir – **[A]GENT** + **ARM** = GARMENT
38. Portion of *amontillado* served! – DOSE (H)

F	I	N	K	L	E	C	H	I	N	G
O	M	A	N	I	B	R	I	B	E	D
R	P	K	E	G	B	O	C	O	W	S
E	A	S	E	H	O	C	K	S	E	T
A	L	I	L	T	S	A	H	A	R	A
R	A	C	E	N	I	N	E	V	E	R
M	E	D	D	L	E	G	L	U	M	S
E	B	A	C	E	R	B	I	N	C	H
D	O	T	H	D	P	O	P	S	E	I
A	L	L	E	G	E	L	A	D	E	N
G	A	R	M	E	N	T	D	O	S	E

DOWN

1. Made disoriented from energy drain, at first – **FORM*** + **E + D** + **EAR** = FOREARMED
2. [N] Omens of grim palace, horned beasts (**OMENS** to **SOME**) – IMPALA (H)
3. Illumination from electricity conducted – **LED (2)** + **KNEE** = KNEELED
5. White bass' decline? – E. B. + B

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6. Told an unbelievable story about a dangerous animal – CROC (“crock”)
7. Rustic girl topless – [C]HICK
8. [N] Knew inner circles later (INNER to ERIN) – NEWER (H)
13. Sign of interest rates changing – STARE* + SHIN = STARSHINE
16. Willow was more flushed after commencement – [R]OSIER
19. That man, Bill, is chief – HE + AD + LIP = HELIPAD
24. Presides over discussion of space oceans – EMCEES (“em seas”)
26. Hemorrhagic fever upset hemisphere and core of brain – EBOL (R) + A
29. College to outline science course – C + HEM
30. Booth's report on back of envelope – LOG + E
33. [E] Jail Thoreau (THOREAU to AUTHOR) – PEN (2)

The unclued entries read **LIGHTNING BOLT**.

The co-composer of the cryptic is the most famous of all chop'n'swappers, Dr.

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