3. Elementary 14 Across

as told to Ucaoimhu

Let’s keep it simple: With these little legs, kicking him would have been pointless. Speaking of simplicity, here in his home town we like crosswords that are plain black and white. (Like me — even my name means “white head.”) In this one, some clues have a cryptic part that omits a single letter from the answer (the answer itself is entered normally in the grid). These letters determine an order on those clues; reading the first letters of the clues in that order, and then the last letters, will tell you a way to arrange the answers to the other clues in a specific order. Reading the first letters, and then the last letters, of those clues in the order determined by their answers (starting with me, and ending here, broadly speaking), you will get a set of items, fraught with meaning, that the victim could have plainly perceived from his house in his day, perhaps inspiring one of his more famous works.

**ACROSS**
1. Hereabouts, displaying wilted pansy in navel (12)
7. Not heading to the right place to find a barmaid’s bra specification (1 3)
11. Disease-preventing revolutionary finally spoke at important convention back in Hawaii (11)
12. Fourth-largest Great Lake is making your flesh creep (5)
13. Do something east of Nebraska in 1–50 years or so (9)
14. This suspect is beginning to put uranium into motor? Not quite (7)
15. Initially find you like figuring out that geometrical figure (6)
18. One kind of sneakers, sadly, reek (sob) (7)
21. English Bible translation’s hue is not varied or messed up (10 7)
23. Least messy, meshlike fabric is Gallic (7)
24. Avoid large bishop blocking way (4 2)
28. Nickname for Edward I, seen in work by legendary riddle-solver (7)
30. Equine, oddly, cares about the brother of Loki (4 5) [NI3]
32. Get informed if dye is spilt (5)
33. Terribly phony ones embracing humanity’s oversexed state (11)
34. Robes and so forth upset heavy drinker (4)
35. Hastily cancel bather’s license to do anything at all (5 7)

**DOWN**
1. Royalty in the UK put Φ in a spot on a screen instead of B (6)
2. Unfinished den filled with old, old hangmen’s paraphernalia (6)
3. Sounding mouselike, Sue unveiled fake head of yeti (7)
4. Running, a pet made bounds (5)
5. Some school in Cambridge is feeling simpatico (5)
6. Turn frosty vessel around west of Eleusis (3 2)
8. Bounteous supply of grain quietly filling up group of spies (10)
9. Steroid’s prone to have team doing a U-turn (10)
10. Flip over thinner, entralling new beasts at the North Pole (8)
16. Itsy bits of cloth and silica (5)
17. Network tech must unravel (3 2)
18. Activity involving dancing! (5)
19. Tropical woodland’s sun god and dope remain still (4 6)
20. Keeping one foot on each side of missile launcher, holding missile backward (10)
22. Yves, or a lunatic, puts in too much lettuce (8)
25. Slavic land snake eats Dorothy’s aunt Ida at first (7)
26. Obliquely conveying meaning in a dialect from the Aegean (6)
27. Sound of a lot of pages yearning for a movie that has been done already (6)
29. Performer Henie’s offspring inside of lab (5)
30. No longer remain distant, frosty, tailed orb (5)
31. In a stew, hear where people drying out go (5)