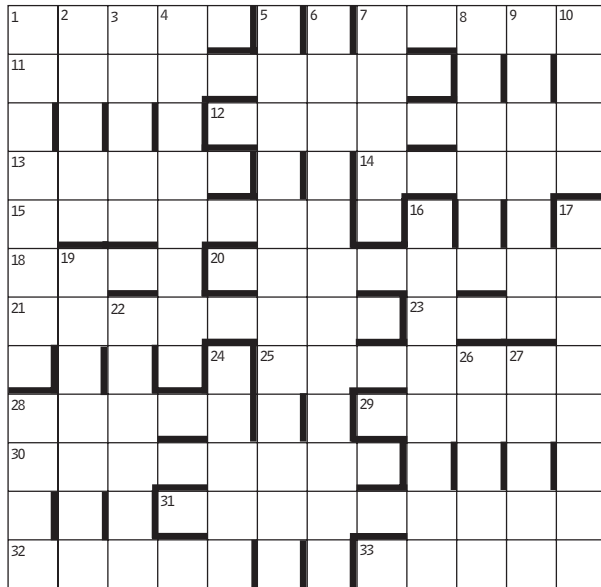


# AZED No. 2,302 Plain



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## ACROSS

- 1 Start of wavering in pulse, showing state of confusion (5)
- 7 African shrub: new growth I cut twice likewise (5)
- 11 Herdsmen's village spread, dear, reverse of ideal (9)
- 12 Like puppet kings, not bright, including eastern one (8)
- 13 Le coeur de Gérard, veritablement! (5)
- 14 The missus requiring endless deference, with small children (5)
- 15 Alone, nursing form of hyp – it gives one a squint (7)
- 18 Rag involving jigs by the sound of it? (4)
- 20 Avoiding regular runs, softie worked out with slices of frozen pizza (8)
- 21 Emperor in situ, endlessly vocal, deranged (8)
- 23 Merrymaking short of volume – drum required (4)
- 25 Wild ox blood youth swallowed (7)
- 28 Number included among ordered journal volumes (5)
- 29 Bony part of beautiful narwhal (5)
- 30 Pear lies off the wall – leaving this? (8)
- 31 Setback for lettuce devoured by rabbits – wherein one species dominates (9)
- 32 Goin' out with top ladies in KL? (5)
- 33 Firm joins league in mid-week? (5)

## AZED 2,299 Solution & notes

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

**Across** 1, ham (rev.) + ua; 11, anag. incl. 0, a; 16, e, ti in statute; 17, r l in fort; 19, ref. Gary Oldman, actor; 25, anag. in same; 27, first letters; ref. Canadian flag; 29, anag. of central letters; 32, hidden; aspect = part; 33, on in bed.

**Down** 3, han(d) + jar; 4, u + nau(sea); 6, cru + anag. less l; 7, cons true d; 14, a time in quit; 21, rag (rev.) in anag.; muddle v intr.; 22, hidden; Calypso's island in *The Odyssey*, where Odysseus was delayed for 7 years; 23, inn (rev.) in tan.; 24, 3 meanings; ref. Cambridge University; 28, k + ago.

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 1 Murray speciality? Pro's foxed, taken in by depth, skilful (8)
- 2 It's used by Cree for weaving with thatching material (5)
- 3 Tall and thin, head lowered, looking threatening? (7)
- 4 One in charge of investigations, maybe, a regular addict? (8)
- 5 Opera theme (not his) Elgar reworked with piano finish (12)
- 6 Extreme self-esteem strangely unfiled in newspapers (12)
- 7 Dab of face paint, black, where it's common, one removed (5)
- 8 Barbed wire defence down? It's put up inside (7)
- 9 Deep red oxide (zero tar) (7)
- 10 Poet's simple (the end, not the beginning) (4)
- 16 Parasitic insects left trickle climbing over glaze (8)
- 17 Seawater plant, largesse when wrecked (8)
- 19 Lack of will power making one increasingly gaga? So it's said (7)
- 22 Paltry fool given a rise – a large sum (6)
- 24 Mugger attacked – only one pound taken (5)
- 26 Bone a duck with very little stuffing (5)
- 27 Defenceless and trembling king end of knife's penetrated (5)
- 28 The Scots booze in Munich evening one's taken off (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*