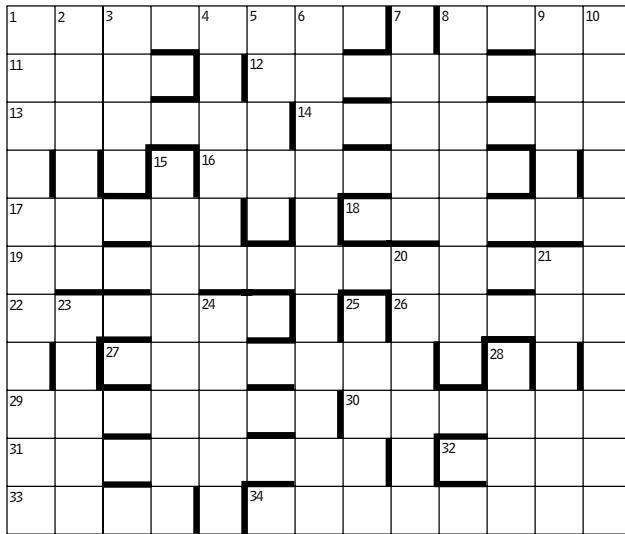


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## ACROSS

- 1 What controls appetite? Nuisance having to cut a bit of butter (8)
- 8 It's pretty important leaving egg out of sponge (4)
- 11 What's some trucker dumped after backing? (4)
- 12 Sandal, one given to old hound, in colour (8)
- 13 Small parrot, an oddity, in addition to being caged (6)
- 14 Tube train not in? Long to get aboard (7)
- 16 Foot rule taken in by scrap dealer (7)
- 17 Eye missing last speck of old (5)
- 18 Wretched formerly about hard drought (past) (6)
- 19 A lab is puzzled with STD sore – one possible diagnosis? (13, 2 words)
- 22 Turns aside from green landing in sandy feature? (6)
- 26 Turn for baseball player, having breadth in a matting (5)
- 27 Wild ox, long confined, not so drab-looking (7)
- 29 Departs unusually left or right (7)
- 30 A sailor heading for island jerkily (6, 2 words)
- 31 Pune worried about rupee leads publicity for poor state (8)
- 32 Corporal overseas, one in victory (not the last) (4)
- 33 This S is a store staffed as before (4)
- 34 Recreation scrapped? The old man's point of view (8)

## AZED 2,311 Solution & notes

B	E	S	T	S	E	L	L	E	R	D	O	M
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**Across** 1, best (FR. = is) + le R in seldom; 10, up to W, N; 11, dice (rev.) in aia; 13, ba' + lin inn; 15, to KO; 16, 'fay kit'; 22, MORI in Ares; 24, nell (i.e.); ref. Little N. in *The Old Curiosity Shop*; 24, toot + (t)oo(t); 31, cons tell a Tory.

**Down** 1, bum (u)p; 3, anag. less he; 5, 10 den in anag.; 7, in there in rout; 8, ink in OED; 9, jo in Marat (French revolutionary murdered by Charlotte Corday); 19, fr. + anag.; 30, ref. Ivor 'Gurney', poet and composer; 21, R in cento; ref. Italian street signs; 26, soa (p)ly.

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 1 Aide, suitable one, not *totally* stupid, aimed at pleasing crowd (11, 2 words)
- 2 Decay penetrating vegetable plant (6)
- 3 Pocket blade cutting half what's caught in pond? (4)
- 4 Treacherous sands: some raise trysail up (6)
- 5 What radiator puts out, giving a bit of heat in the end (5)
- 6 Bout with limo I exercised in car club? Such things appeal to them (11)
- 7 Rotter coming between woman and husband causes this? (5)
- 8 Soak tea? There's one rule to be comprehended (8)
- 9 Toffees maybe making you plump (so it's said) (5)
- 10 Club with cycle for the young to dismay veteran? (11, 2 words)
- 15 Worked a long time having made choice for container (8)
- 20 It helped ships in trouble, tars at sea ringing it (6)
- 21 In the style of old Greek musicians I see full of wine (6)
- 23 What's played in eastern vein? Or vice versa (5)
- 24 Thinner rams making way for their leader (5)
- 25 Rocky ranges leaving north? One goes through them driving (5)
- 28 Tart on the side king dispensed with (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives one entry as an abbreviation.*