

Azed No. 2,421 Plain Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Cup drunk, alcoholic, round end of marriage, traditionally encouraged (8)
- 8 Traditional volumes found among faded daybooks (4)
- 13 Romance of a kind getting Dougie all excited, name secreted (10, 2 words, apostrophe)
- 14 It helps to shift log rolling certainly round Virginia (5)
- 15 Dismay shown by the old man turning on mate (5)
- 16 Woman mostly in a bad way comes to us for charitable relief (6)
- 17 Hardened clay, see, in grip of cold wind (6)
- 18 Polar vehicle? Steer from the rear, perched outside (6)
- 21 One manipulates accounts to mislead key filter somehow (9)
- 23 They emit foul smell – very large gauge reverse of ideal (9)
- 27 One's produced in boiling haunts? (6)
- 28 Logical fallacy I mould deviously (6)
- 29 Syrup, golden stuff, grand to have for breakfast? (6)
- 31 Supreme commander has little time, once surrounded (5)
- 32 Ritual sword play to culminate in final strike (5)
- 33 A large bird I see nesting – successful result of this? (10)
- 34 Language of the Net, fast if not fine (4)
- 35 Rate mess appalling in sewer (8)

Down

- 2 Husband occupying seat in church – that's a relief (4)
- 3 Outcry in the US, Democrats all upset – slated with this? (6)
- 4 Bible brought in, pawned, vandalized (8)
- 5 Horrified as before at having to limit fuel (5)
- 6 Monarch retaining doctor as potato-peeler (7)
- 7 Sold drugs, vile trade involving change of hands? (5)
- 9 In the manner of noodles, soft, wrapped in paper napkin (6)
- 10 Tea maid's prepared for natural gap (8)
- 11 Latin bird in part of choir producing jaunty movements (11)
- *12 Intermittent (11)
- 19 Headlong fall? Nothing to ease the pain at cut (8)
- 20 Horlicks (more than one) – or Bells? (8)
- 22 Like a long run? Men should be dressed in a hat (7)
- 24 Sectarian, fatuous by the sound of it (6)
- 25 Dog or kitten mostly excluded round small cooking area (6)
- 26 Maori settlement dividing street up for NZ shrubs (5)
- 27 Theological student, one of two for tutor occupying comfy seat (5)
- 30 Chopper making my heart shift? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended, but does not give the reasonably-formed compound at 22.

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21	A	P	E	R	I	E	N	T
24	C	A	L	E	B	25	S	26
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32	C	O	R	S	E	T	I	E
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Across 11, we al(l); 14, comp. anag.; 17, anag. + PE; former Jaguar model; 24, cf. cable; see Names in C.; 29, hop in anag.; 32, s in anag. + ere; 34, on a in core.

Down 1, i.e. do war; 6, Alec in dit; 9, i.e. garbage less age = garb; 15, nun in anag.; 18, v a cance(r); 20, blé (Fr. = corn) in nibs; 26, ref. the B. Rebellion; 27, sen(a)te; 28, Spanish river.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,421, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.

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