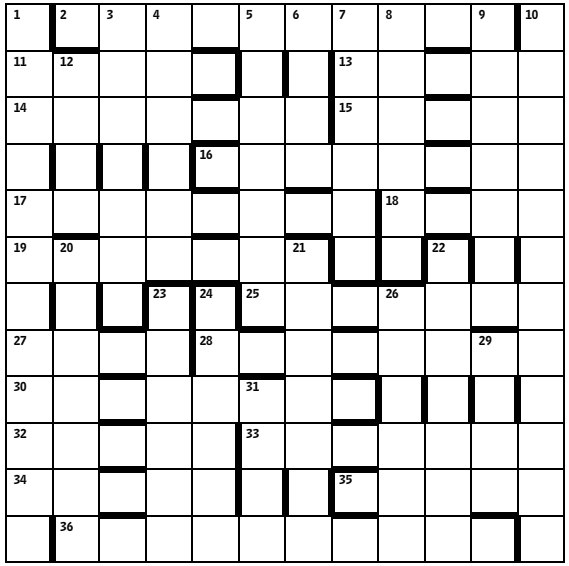
# Azed No. 2,426 Plain



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**Across**

**2** Habitual whore taken in, charged (10)
**11** Rough desperado, broke? See hard-up — possibly (5)
**13** Full of Scotch? Follow course inside subterranean chamber (5)
**14** Feel blue fragments of Spode, undated (7)
**15** Bit of mockery following bumpkin (5)
**16** White wine keeping cold cooper's bottled (8)
**17** Like personal tutorial in interpretation of 1259? (8)
**18** Declared port special – top-notch date (4)
**19** Muslim ruler having trouble with queen, creating watchtower (7)
**25** Worth a bet? Devotee rolled dice (7)
**27** Encouragement not genuine if debts are ignored? (4)
**28** Memory trace a German's fuzzily got about mark (8)
**30** Non-standard church court? Abomination when it houses large car (8)
**32** Ring, dainty, kept in readiness (5, 2 words)
**33** Does he offer dross to Brighton holidaymakers? (7)
**34** Overseers won't need diplomats for this 'royal' measure (5)
**35** Middle-easterner, an inhabitant abandoning branch of Buddhism (5)
**36** The French in combat, secretive and showing little interest (10)

**Down**

**1** Old remnant, not even what could give you chest room (12)
**3** Bashful about female, right? Irish chief could claim this (7)
**4** Optic activated with a sherry glass (6)
**5** Car accessory that's transformed runs, but not without boodle (7)
**6** Stir one's own egg? (4)
**7** Start journey switching parts as equivalent? (6)
**8** Annoyance created by spies over time (6)
**9** Monkey at home on eastern ogee moulding (7)
**10** Teaching oneself, caution mostly abandoned, about performed play (12)
**12** Ordure entirely engulfs this west-country ditch (4)
**20** If old, needing drive round – pick from list (7)
**21** Alexander's speciality, making the trounced migrate (7)
**22** 'Whaup' indicates my breed, relatively easily located (those heading here)? (7)
**23** Quotations? Royal personages editing number out (6)
**24** E.g. lute pieces among what's transposed etc. (6)
**26** Gypsies, international, in a pack? (6)
**29** January perhaps for writers? Flash forward (4)
**31** Stone circle, circuit erected (4)

## Azed No. 2,423 solution & notes

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1, robotise; anag. less n; 2, mephitis; 3, acalephe; a lep in ache; 4, macadams; a cad in mams; 5, maisters; is in anag.; 6, templets; 7, bottines; 8, Hittites; 9, hearties; 10, thanadar; anag. + (h)a(i)r; 11, artesian; 12, attested; TT in anag.; 13, astatine; in in a state; 14, steatite; 15, testiest; t + I in tsetse (rev.); 16, hangnest; 17, étranger; 18, slattern; latter in Sn; 19, antepast; 20, antidote; tid in a note; 21, dotterel; 22, engender; end in anag.; 23, geniture; 24, turnsole; urns in tole[1]; 25, snippets; pin in steps (all rev.); 26, tidiness; dines in sit (rev.); 27, fielding; ref. cricket, Henry F.; 28, notified; I fit (rev. ) in no ed.; 29, Trentino; tin in treno (It. = train); 30, entellus; en(d) + tell us; 31, seraphin[1]; 32, serotine; rot in seine; 33, fleeting; tee (rev.) in fling; 34, stiflers; anag. incl. t; gallowses; 35, trespass; see trench; 36, perfuses; anag. in pee + S.

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