

## Azed No. 2,451 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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### Across

- Current controller in glasses, fascinating woman (13)
- Porcelain style? Two with internal damage (5)
- Half crazy (exactly!) about aged goddess (4)
- Lime in compote I love (4)
- Palm, in which child receives a smack (7)
- Production of Tosca, new? — 2 is fantastic! (5)
- One stocked by barrow boy? It's often under glass (7)
- Seaside theatre venue often hired ape to juggle (8)
- Not a major thoroughfare? That's obvious (5)
- Car malfunctioning? Work inside revealing source of oil (5)
- Catlike creature, one member of Felidae — certain about that? (8)
- Soul fan is anti music initially that rocks (7)
- Attendants from over the water present diners with a choice (5)
- Excessive devotion that is shown by press back in May? (7)
- People exercise them sometimes — leads required (4)
- Curtains with regular trimming and fresh catch? (4)
- Antique bureau twice dropping right out of sideboard (5)
- Herbert and Morgan Duff? Sharing parents each may be the other's (13)

### Down

- Prance about — what you do when hanging a picture? (5)
- Tropical skin disease making the afflicted pallid — not me! (11, 3 words)
- Thorny heart of problem that is grasped by bishop, variable (6)
- Cheeky talk on afternoon one's spent in Croatia (4)
- Being unselfish, say, loses when falling out (7)
- Showy plant: see red one ran wild in rose garden (4)
- Some stuffing for stew, as a bitter green paste (6)
- Support drink — Islam working for what supports the opposite (11)
- Fan of film clubs alight over endless festival (8)
- Woman admitting recipe heavy on the cooking fat (5)
- Cox, one that's kept within the clock? (8)
- A head (5)
- 'Beloved brave' encompasses Longfellow's leading character (7)
- Such as Turpin of old, affected after Bess's end (5)
- Prophetic Scot's gift is enveloped in occult chat (6)
- One of several marine ducks — wild orcs will swallow them regularly (6)
- Of use to joiners — or railway workers? (5)
- Trim, having lost weight (not a little) without a doubt (4)
- Doss down with English historian (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 2 appears at the entry for its final element with a different last letter.**

## Azed No. 2,448 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, Ayn (Rand, US writer) in dt; 11, race in porous; ref. *AMND*, 5, 1, 343; 13, comp. anag.; 15, I in Am. Note; 17, ort in AA; 23, a/c old; ref. *King Lear*, 3, 4, 151; 29, the ban; ref. Greek tragedy; 30, rig lin(e); ref. wartime song, 'Hitler has only got one ball'; 32, 'daze'.

**Down** 2, he (rev.) o in a pod; 4, t(U)reen; 7, Anne in Emp (all rev.); 10, I ease men in anag.; 14, bat + anag.; 19, alder (rev.) + (0)ne; crop = gullet; 21, rose + ry(e); 28, slo(pin)g.

#### 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. 2,451, 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, Awhbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.