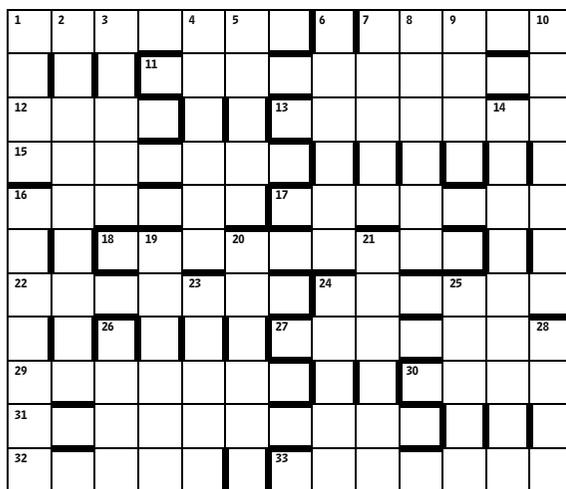


Azed No. 2,488 - 'Letters Latent'



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entered in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the lengths of full unmutated answers. The letters omitted, read in clue order, form an appropriate quotation (in *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*).

Across

- 1 Bar with a red wine mixed a fizzy soft drink (9)
- 7 Short time in court with special groups (7)
- 11 A fellow having to extend defoliant (11, 2 words)
- 12 Ramshackle hut, last of five, collapsed heavily (7)
- 13 Loss of some faculties – it features in a state requiring relief, retrograde (8)
- 15 Armrest activated plane's engines (10)
- 16 Diocese holding jewel back forms another combination (8)
- 17 With adjustment, a peep's catching eastern star cluster (8)
- 18 Aid in solving 'world of signed heart' (odd bits) (10)
- 22 Meal being held, lease undecorated porcelain? (9)
- 24 More than one compound is rotting (7)
- 27 Sturgeon's summary, in open view, lacking breadth, backing EU (8)
- 29 Peace before start of night in pigpen (8)
- 30 Soothes forgotten nurses (7)
- 31 Artist with oil, a work denoting passing phase (12)
- 32 Withdraw dry husked seed (6)
- 33 Mischief-maker, awfully pale, in prison (8)

Down

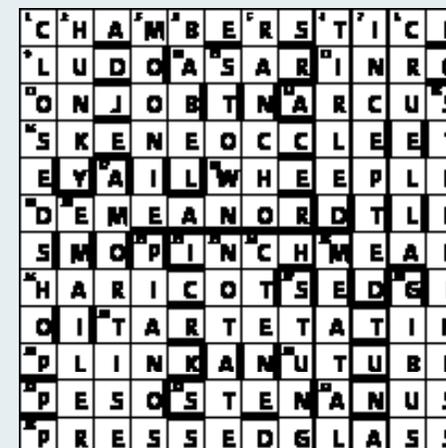
- 1 One's had a bite when getting up after

one? (6)

- 2 Curse those being admitted I sent off (12)
- 3 Racing team smoke after end of race (6)
- 4 Served as delegate, old, penning note (7)
- 5 Prevents ungulates getting onto square (6)
- 6 Oldster athlete randomly eclipsing some outsiders (7)
- 7 Government briefly brought in Algonquin land measure (7)
- 8 In this year, send off inaugural gift (7)
- 9 Letter enclosure from northern tribes (6)
- 10 Cocoons, cultivation of two bases, only one British (8, 2 words)
- 14 I recast poem about work, amateur, annoying (11)
- 16 Executive committee entertains those with no opinions of their own? (8)
- 19 Critically correct dagger, head dropping somewhat (7)
- 20 Scots score in France to squander bit by bit (7)
- 21 Formerly treacherous solicitor breaks agreement (7)
- 23 Double-decker maybe a long time turning up round Ulster (6)
- 24 Classical abductee: a regret about love is mounting (6)
- 25 Mediterranean island moving third to first position in dance (6)
- 26 Bit of glacier breaking off raised concern (5)
- 28 Grass turned up old tanner (6)

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2014) except one proper name.

Azed No. 2,485 solution & notes



Across 10, hidden; charge = fill; 12, i.e. or in ro = ro-ro; 13, i.e. on Job; 14, comp. anag. & lit.; 22, i.e. (p)inch me a l(ot); 29, anag. + (Jacques) Tati + n; 31, tub for s in use.

Down 4, b in bael; 5, cf. anchor; 7, anag. in l'd; 8, ref. C. de Vil in *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*; 17, ort in a mise; 18, p in wheele(d); 20, ref. Norman Mailer, US writer; 21, a no(g) in sip (rev.); 23, i.e. hidden in 'piano? Ta - terrific'; 24, net (rev.) in c, e.

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