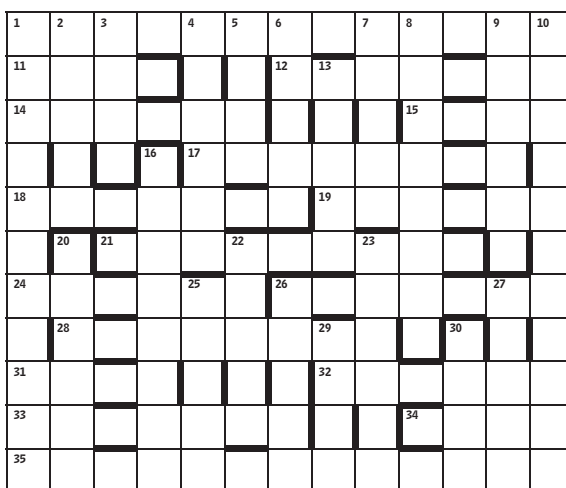


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Across

- 1 Simple meal, hence extorted from, say, grammar school (13, 2 words)
- 11 Quick drink in clubhouse – that's disgusting! (4)
- 12 Composer who's inter alia composed away from the main development? (7)
- 14 Nameless fools in abundance (6)
- 15 I'll have practice discontinued by law (4)
- 17 Confinements singly dealt with, as is fashionable (8)
- 18 Voiture, black, in France going over road kill? (7)
- 19 Flogged bric-à-brac spread out in the open (6)
- 21 Single prints soon empty when reduced (9)
- 24 Divine girdle cut from bodices (tussore) (6)
- 26 Poet? Big one is no skinflint (7)
- 28 Tightly binding that's reformed the coral (8)
- 31 Eel or other fish, ingredient of salade niçoise? (4)
- 32 Shock, that was what did for Goliath (6)
- 33 Curling plant tip – see standard bush? (7)
- 34 Thrill son's taken from fast dance movement (4)
- 35 Toadstools etc yeomen scythe roughly, about a thousand (13)

Down

- 1 Musical 'short-long' put an end to playground game? (11, 2 words)
- 2 Little calcium's radio-active inside (5)

- 3 River silted up? You'll not see my circling that fish (4)
- 4 Any lime is wrapped up in a pithy substance like this (6)
- 5 Objectively we'll be kept in through having a lot to do (4)
- 6 What's titillating in part, getting one excitable? (5)
- 7 Love-drug making one strangely ga-ga chasing date (5)
- 8 Living is limited in scope (8)
- 9 Tackle for hoisting bony pike, angler's requisite (6)
- 10 Thin, I'm going to put a stop to nasty sneers – displaying this? (11)
- 13 With cereal disease dry stalk leads to thin yield (5)
- 16 Enzyme restricting decay in old legumes (8)
- 20 Company in Caesar's army crudely drilled when head of legion's away (6)
- 22 Ordinary herb, a native of Oklahoma (5)
- 23 6 in this way will follow a form of Farsi? (6)
- 25 Goopy stuff that oozes from wonderful mints (5)
- 26 Rage most upsetting when it involves ending of affair (5)
- 27 Winners need to thank me regularly? Wise, maybe (5)
- 29 Grizzled, we' ear – like a blade? (4)
- 30 Abrasive movie icon, not nearly gay inside (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,489 solution & notes

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Across 6, character created by P. G. ('Plum') Wodehouse; 15, le(a) in Tweed, Dee; 21, (Luton) Hoo + pla(yer); 23, anag. in gran; 31, anag. in SE; 33, g + anag. less ay. **Down** 1, c in short hanger; 2, woo in hared; 5, a fl. a Fla. (all rev.); 6, patte(d); 7, 'ad in steed; 8, anag. + anag.; see vice³; 9, Tour(s); 10, anag. in honed; 20, it's (rev.) in pong; 24, Fr. = monkey.

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