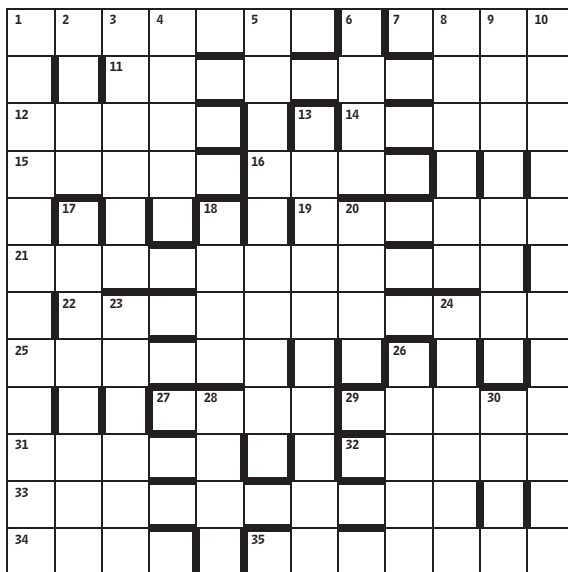


Azed No. 2,515 'Cherchez la Femme'



All clues are normal. At ten intersections (squares at which across and down answers meet or cross each other) it will be found that the relevant letters of the two answers do not tally. In each case solvers should enter the letter midway between the two non-matching letters alphabetically (treating the alphabet as cyclical), the two answers affected becoming non-words. The letter entered may be up to six letters away from the non-matching letters in each case, e.g. X might represent W/Y, V/Z, U/A, T/B, S/C or R/D.

Name _____

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The ten letters thus entered, read row by row from top to bottom of the diagram, form a female forename (surprisingly not in Chambers). No across or down word in the diagram is affected more than once, and the replaced letters may occur in either order.

Across

- 1 Scintillating ad is opening up spot as setting for holidays? (7)
- 7 Trump's extremes are retrograde – Republican initially very pleased (4)
- 11 Err off with fairies? Could be Nero supposedly (10)
- 12 Strain wrong for toughened glass (5)
- 14 Fine pigeon, restricted in vigour, ageing (5)
- 15 Returning comments on school performance, head dropped e.g. irony (5)
- 16 Unanswerable question decisively to floor one (4)
- 19 Stiff points, with being returned got up mostly (6)
- 21 Told about broken plate, becoming voluble (11)
- 22 'Pun' Maria's confused with 'Poona' (11)
- 25 Tails on suspect operative supported by agents covering (6)
- 27 Resolution requiring a measure of integrity (4)
- 29 Cherub losing lead from bride damaged frilly stuff (5)
- 31 Tint for the hair, pink, not ordinary but trendy (5)
- 32 Something for freezer, frozen in bits when not zero (5)
- 33 No men dress in new style – being averse to this? (10)

- 34 Those opening suchlike – pretty awful mail – shouldn't go to in-box (4)
- 35 Related briefs sent back, I see (7)

Down

- 1 Naval officer stammers badly when arresting a sailor (12)
- 2 Foreign ruler contributing to rising merriment (4)
- 3 Solvent, look, dispersing e.g. vegetable oil (6)
- 4 Old harvesting tool, this cut round middle of cereals (5)
- 5 Game for those cruising? Ten end sick when it's heaving (10, 2 words)
- 6 Rock overturned a circus vehicle? (4)
- 8 Pledge one put above devious ruses (6)
- 9 As happens regularly, copier that's out of order I'd taken back in (8)
- 10 Property of ice slide (12)
- 13 Mail in future breaking down (10)
- 17 Copy gents in troop? This creates continuous recording (8, 2 words)
- 18 Female's middle part is seen jiggling – in her performance? (4)
- 20 Short bit of verse penned by William Brown (4)
- 23 Chief officer accepts death as business to be gone through (6)
- 24 Don't speak about how old people are, being wiser than the rest (6)
- 26 Bag black bear (female) (5)
- 28 Like victims of robber on foot (4)
- 30 This day is a festival for some (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,512 solution & notes

1	I	Z	B	B	A	M	P	H	I	P	O	D
12	N	I	R	L	I	E	A	G	N	I	S	E
14	C	L	A	U	S	T	R	A	T	L	C	I
15	H	A	V	E	N	I	I	M	E	L	I	C
17	P	R	O	P	S	N	A	C	R	I	T	E
18	I	H	S	I	N	G	L	E	S	B	A	R
22	N	Y	M	P	H	O	L	E	P	T	T	O
26	P	O	L	E	N	T	A	L	A	R	E	S
28	A	L	L	T	O	I	W	S	T	I	P	E
32	L	I	E	R	C	O	M	P	I	L	E	R
33	A	T	H	E	N	S	A	R	A	B	L	E
35	S	E	R	E	V	E	N	T	L	Y	A	D

Across 5, anag. in anag.; 12, in (rev.) + r, l + i.e.; 17, 3 meanings; 20, s + ingl + anag.; 22, mph in anag.; 27, L Ares; see e.g. Areopagus; 32, PM (rev.) in anag.; ref. Boris/Samuel Johnson; 33, i.e. a then s = as³; 34, Arab (qv) + l(if)e; 35, ser. + event.
Down 3, Av. in bro; 4, sv pipe; 6, tin in meg; see posh²; 11, e in dice (pl.); 21, ref. Burns, 'My love is like a red red rose'; 23, 0 + 1 in tose; 26, cf. palms.

Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.

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