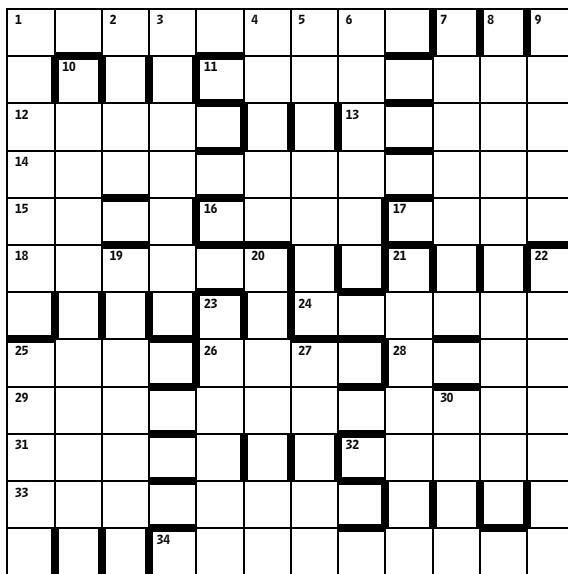


Azed No. 2,530 Plain - Competition Puzzle



Across

- 1 Stick type of net over dyeing material (9, 2 words)
 11 Shaver maybe spilt pail in course of routine, returning (8)
 12 Flow of old from poet perishing early (5)
 13 Small tippie I swallowed? It won't go far in Dushanbe (5)
 14 A Metro si ge I adjusted for senior Parisians? (12, 2 words)
 15 Ill-tempered fellow, I'm often tastily dressed (4)
 16 Black part of shoe, inner section reversed (4)
 17 Boss stopping work early (4)
 18 Hooter permitted when behind barrow (6)
 24 Jock's brief barb returned with touch of malice in it (6)
 25 Example of air pollution detectable in seismography (4)
 26 Invertebrates? Tern tribe's mixed in with these (4)
 28 Bud yielding infusion? It was of value in Peru (4)
 29 Preferment including honour regularly lacking – one suffers in comparison (12, 2 words)
 31 University totty? One's small and shabby (5)
 32 What are forests in Russian regions? Yes, primarily (5)
 *33 Typical of (mostly young) learners (*adj*) (8)
 34 Wild olives causing gel nausea when cooked (9)

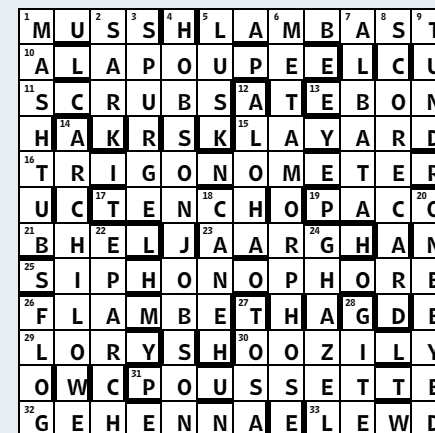
Down

- 1 Who often joined Daisy having tea? Come off it! (7)

- 2 Dressing in early summer put on egg (4)
 3 What's left penned by composer, unfinished, that can be erased (7)
 4 Botanical outgrowth, soft inside, seen in late springtime (5)
 5 Christian benefactors sing ode out of tune (7)
 6 Seniors sign to accept lads as neglected (6, 2 words)
 7 Group in society mostly keeping quiet about ne'er-do-well (7)
 8 A clay grout changes round ring, thickening (11)
 9 Ready for engagement? What Mr and Mrs share is embodied by mostly expensive rings coming up (5)
 10 I dismissed hot air Trump burred about nothing – herd's diet suffers from it (11, 2 words)
 19 Uproar once created by telly doctor on rearing owls (7)
 20 Travel agent initially ringing to maintain name for Athenian eatery (7)
 21 I'm caught up in police trap, making killing (7)
 22 Sneery, I maligned those labelled 'kindly' (7)
 23 Political alliance suggesting auto phone system (6)
 25 Result of thaw in Vail? Jumps moved up round start of slalom (5)
 27 Crack clayey rock, removing soft covering (5)
 30 Seaweed rising up from below grating (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,527 solution & notes



Across 1, m + USS(R); 10, a p OUP in alee; 13, cf. b one; 15, Austen Henry L. (1817-1894); 17, ref. coarse fishing; 23, comp. anag.; 25, I phon(e) op in shore; 29, (T)yrrol (rev.); 31, us set in pote; 32, gehen (Ger. = to go) + NA.
Down 1, ash (j)t in bum (rev.); 2, s(p)ark; ref. Dame of S; 4, hob + job in son x 2; 6, ref. Ovid, author of *Metamorphoses and Ars Amatoria*; 9, nut (rev.) + d; 12, cf. alpha; 20, ref. TV, 'the o. monster'.

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. 2,530, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only).

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