

Azed No. 2,534 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Engineers accepting endless upheaval or breakdown in relations (7)
- 7 Corner of sheet getting trapped in cycleway (4)
- 10 How Brontës appear in rewrite lacking English – result is slush (9)
- 11 Underground chamber hidden in khaki vaults (4)
- 12 Bagpipe in place piercing silence (7)
- 13 Environmental boundary closed in City unit (7)
- *15 Dogsboddy (12)
- 18 Pain for poet, name forgotten in an upheaval (6)
- 20 Guide tired out going round Cuba (6)
- 22 Tropical hardwood from which you can construct me a cabin – a joy (12, 2 words)
- 24 Such as Fagin, with going for Oliver, say, produces wooden darts (7)
- 26 Wayward son, into fancies (7)
- 27 Voodoo that's international accepted by African chief (4)
- 28 Bolshiness Scot observed in disorganized county (9)
- 29 Perth couple achieving width in local river (4)
- 30 Military badges, black square surrounding face (7)

Down

- 1 *Stretch Across the Border* penned by Mary Kenny (4)
- 2 One extract of hemlock found in vase of Roman garrison in Shropshire (9)
- 3 Devout member of electorate, one active around focal point (7)
- 4 Lout cousins and I duffed up, not caring (12)
- 5 Portraitist National featured in capital, unknown (6)
- 6 Round support circling battered castle in contest presenting varied challenge (12, 2 words)
- 7 Like Jock's well-used fryer? Soften by boiling, then toss (7)
- 8 Almost half the letters turning up in pot? (4)
- 9 Old-fashioned wallop Munich gent swallowed in debauch (7)
- 14 Writer of stories, say, before final place in catalogue (9)
- 16 Turn including disc-player, one added (7)
- 17 Liar yet to reform – truth needed (7)
- 19 Primitive creatures damaging a beam, one hollowed within (7)
- 21 Autocrat, one taking firm hold, we hear (6)
- 23 Upturned punt? Liquid's heated in it (4)
- 25 Gloom – end up dismissed for insolence (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,531 solution & notes

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P	O	G	G	E	S	G	G	R	A	S
I	C	L	A	C	U	R	C	U	L	I
12	T	H	U	M	B	P	O	T	M	M
14	C	R	E	M	O	R	M	A	M	E
16	H	Y	P	E	M	A	M	Z	E	R
18	A	S	T	R	O	M	E	T	R	Y
N	P	S	C	R	A	T	C	H	E	R
24	D	O	O	R	P	O	S	T	Y	E
28	P	I	L	U	M	R	C	H	A	S
U	L	A	S	S	M	A	L	L	A	G
32	T	E	N	T	W	O	R	K	I	R
33	T	R	O	A	D	R	Y	A	N	D

Across 12, cul(m) in curio; 14, cf. Cromer; 15, (l)ament(s); 21, Scratch + first letters; 24, 'deaf as a d.'; catch = hear; 29, anag. & lit.; 32, ten two + R, K; 34 (Dame) Edna (Everage) (rev.) + s.

Down 1, pit c hand + up (rev.) + TT; 6, anag. incl. merm(aid); 8, (d)rummer; 9, pantry with anag. for pant; 11, post + 1 in m stress; 20, Mao rm or; 25, s + Cary (Grant, film star).

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