

## Azed No. 2,541 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Most of the Lords excited about scheme – it's breathtaking (12)
- 10 Hillbilly getting hitch on back of bogie (4)
- 11 Old fool making reverse of progress, see, in health resort (6)
- 13 Sort of fringe, sort of fair, I'm black inside (7)
- 14 What shampoo ads promise is almost like shimmering head (9)
- 15 Pert and evasive, receiving kiss (4)
- 16 One of a pair the French held in suspicion (7)
- 17 Some when freezing find release in Shakespeare (6)
- 20 Fungal mould with turning yellow (5)
- 22 Part of staircase in modern wing (5)
- 24 Being suspended, first and last just so, a stabbing pain (6)
- 26 Old hat, most of splendid lining ripped (7)
- 28 A lot of money, such Muscadet bottles (4)
- 30 Raw material for cordage, say, held by sircars, woven (9, 2 words)
- 32 Fabled wolf is fierce, seizing goose's tail (7)
- 33 Sneered at some sides repeatedly suffering reverse (6)
- 34 I'm a gent: lady has --- with me around (4)
- 35 Neat ringlets neglected, forming knots (12)

### Down

- 1 Like some chocs? Pleasing couple of bits (11)
- 2 Interval in concert hall? Fashionable crowd have to attempt old-style circulating (7)
- 3 Weed genus? There's sign of hesitation feeding it to tame rabbit (5)
- 4 SA flower not once found around Ireland of yore (6)
- 5 Old coin I found in rusty fruit box upended (7)
- 6 Bugloss showing treatment of mulch, i.e. left out (6)
- 7 Beetle yearling's found round wild burn (7)
- 8 Mother Goose may be turned up to reveal this man-eater (4)
- 9 Minor error made by lecturer before recess (5)
- 12 Prophet displaying talent that includes reverse of crazy skills (11)
- 18 Produce critical edition in new collection, cutting both parts (7)
- 19 Card game, players including one with ace (7)
- 21 Issue a number on the way up once (7, 3 words)
- 23 Lumberjack heads away from what those squabbling are at (6)
- 25 Mineral water replacing midday's second of couple (6)
- 27 Part of Santorini circle that's thrust up toxic stuff (5)
- 29 Pink or black with a dash of red in (5)
- 31 Manner when appearing in court (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,538 solution & notes

1	B	R	I	T	I	S	H	P	L	A	T	E
	U	O	T	U	D	I	A	L	U	P	A	X
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**Across.** 1, RI in anag.; 13, O + p(in)e x 2; 14, puk(e) in lam I; 17, mise + ER (rev.) x 2; 19, comp. anag. & lit.; ref. Trojan War; 25, anag. in bot<sup>2</sup>: 32, gen(us) in anag.  
**Down** 2, luau (rev.) in rot; ref. Georges R., French painter (1871-1958); 3, (s) tump; 4, I, c in skie(s); 9, Berto(relli) in *Times*; 11, tene (rev.) in prates; 16, anag. + cal(m); 20, OC + to-be R; ref. O. Revolution in Russia; 21, re + r in Ares; 24, is (rev.) + Enna (Sicilian town); 26, alternate letters; 29, ale c; ref. A. Guinness, actor.

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