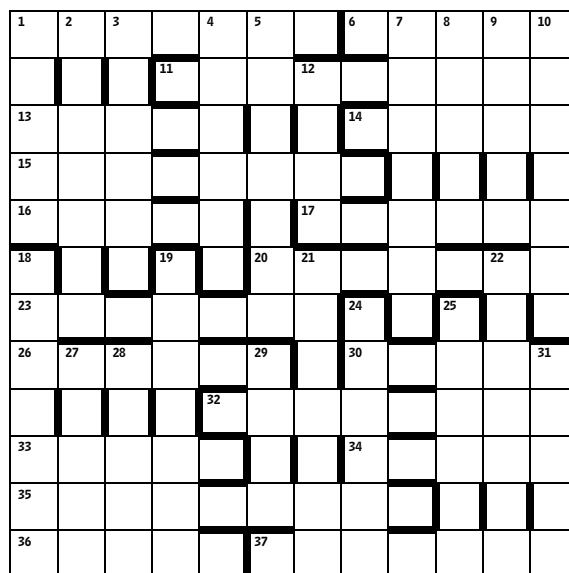


Azed No. 2,578 'Letters Latent' - Competition Puzzle



From the answer to each clue the solver must omit one letter wherever it occurs (sometimes more than once) before entry in the diagram. Definitions to clues refer to the full unmutated answers; subsidiary indications, such as anagrams etc, refer to the mutilated forms entered in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the lengths of full unmutated answers. The letters omitted, read in clue order, including the one at **37**, form two consecutive lines of verse which with the next line but one give an appropriate quotation in *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to **37** (a word in the quotation) in the style of all the others.

Across

- 1** Thinly sliced beef (say) in one Scots diner's starter (10)
- 6** Collision? London's force exert influence (6)
- 11** German squaddie nurses wound leaving front (11)
- 13** Button, round, was bright round front of vest (6)
- 14** Devour telly lying back – those colourful bands (6)
- 15** Fruit to plug – indicator of precise time of month? (9)
- 16** Compound coming from the orient (6)
- 17** Dull American turning head (7)
- 20** Arch for instance circled by watches endlessly (8)
- 23** Disorganized rep having time to wander in theatre pit (8)
- 26** Ogle lustfully before getting in gentle stroke (7, 2 words)
- 30** Girl to seduce males (not me) (6)
- 32** One processing with symbolic burden changed bases in European league (11)
- 33** Love of Rome? What Italian enterprises will welcome (6)
- 34** One jotting extract from Davenant, a triolet (7)
- 35** Number of desks I see's arranged outside, quickly taken in (11)
- 36** A bit of a yen to enter part of Canada without being posted (6)
- *37** (8)

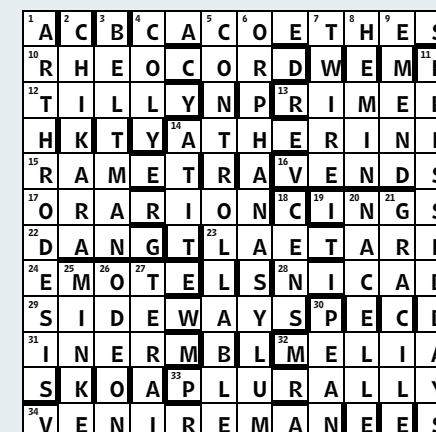
Down

- 1** Senior administrator always on song (7)
- 2** Old smear Parliamentary applied to previous king (9)

- 3** One transferring glove in middle of week (8)
- 4** Sailors clutching dry rags (7)
- 5** Death near, neglected hazard (8)
- 7** Price on medicine produced by external stimulus (9)
- 8** Working a lace dress (6)
- 9** Alluvial plain with misplacement of last conifers (6)
- 10** Is restricted by forest movements? (8)
- 12** Keats not upset over writing, the opposite of chaos (6)
- 18** Enemy pawn forward in clear space (8)
- 19** Beaten metal: observe changing tint (8, 2 words)
- 21** Brain parts being enveloped by soaring tunes (8)
- 22** Major conflict: rage infuriated sailor (8, 2 words)
- 24** European beer spills on Jerry regularly (7)
- 25** Major Cambridge exam accepted clad in hooded jacket (7, 2 words)
- 27** Like empty nest maybe produce of missel evacuated from below (6)
- 28** Ancient letter caught inside old-style printing-press (6)
- 29** Tall grass: duck found under small one (6)
- 31** This marine deity, sad, hides under sea (6)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give one familiar foreign word or **34** (in *The Oxford Dictionary of English*). One proper name appears within an entry for its derivative, and **25** appears at the entry for its second element.

Azed No. 2,575 solution & notes



Across 4, (Sebastian) Coe in anag.; 10, anag. incl. oh(m); 14, i.e. (C)atherine (Howard); 17, (h)ar(e) in Orion; 19, i.e. in G & S; 31, cf. miner (qv); 33, Ural l in ply.
Down 3, m in Beltan(e); 5, on troll in cable; 11, anag. in pays (Fr. = country); 20, a cell in (O)ne; 30, pe(c)an.

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. 2,578, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com

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