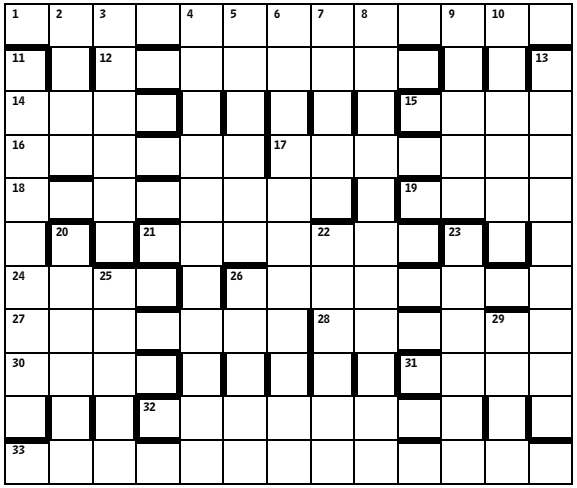
# Azed No. 2,708 Plain



## Across

**1** Court cast man out after one produces *very* good deeds (13, 2 words)
**12** Wild Irish robber getting cut in loot (8)
**14** Cry from anonymous boat? (4)
**15** Some dub a beauty this (4)
**16** Acid that ruins coutil (6)
**17** Falconer's charge, one held in three lines (7)
**18** Badly hit in outbreak of E. coli, very early (8)
**19** Carmen, say, individual life-force around opera's denouement (4)
**21** Brilliant performer topping bill, taking wing with luminance (7)
**24** Choir's niche filling the space from the east (4)
**26** Reticent nursemaid, thoroughly contained (8)
**27** Cues if botched limit us (7)
**28** Case, note, leading to jail (6, 2 words)
**30** Geordie's washing down third of vodka after gluttony, say (4)
**31** Necklace for Roman (4)
**32** One applying pressure or trailing calamity? I'd back off (8)
**33** Instalment as before controls a wee bittie mixed (old) (13)

## Down

**2** Chef after removing tail brought round hot salmon (4)
**3** Patterned lace forming lines tyro spins round (6)
**4** Estates of a kind, special, landed with time in a bundle (11, 2 words)
**5** Tough apparently, and long (6)
**6** Molluscs? There's adult out in lake swimming with purpose (11)
**7** Gossip from Dublin or circa (roughly) (5)
**8** Practise mind-reading? These leap out with it (11)
**9** What's left of joint cut short? (5)
**10** Cheerful maestro lifts his stick for this (6)
**11** To marry girl 'e'll display jacquard material (9)
**13** Being shy, one constant in make-believe, hiding head (9)
**20** Period after work for high achiever in maths (Cantab) (6)
**22** Musician as once found in catalogue (6)
**23** Extract from flamenco recording – it rarely features in programme (6)
**25** One's found among Pakistanis (indigenes) (5)
**26** Lancaster's pierced by his first (rare) outburst (5)
**29** Knitwear style ma's half unravelled (4)

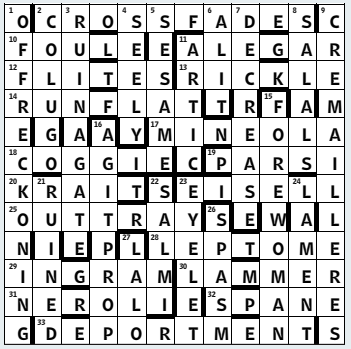
**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

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## Azed No. 2,705 solution & notes



**Across** 2, fad in crosses; 10, foule(d); 13, (b)rickle; 18, cog[1] gie; 25, anag. incl. t; 30, (s)lammer.
**Down** 1, reck on in offing; 3, 1 in runagate; 6, ali(men)t; 7, i.e. de-crease; 9, RE mail l in anag.; 21, i.e. anag. in (the) red; 23, 'islet'; 27, ref. Édouard L., French Romantic composer, 1823-1892.

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