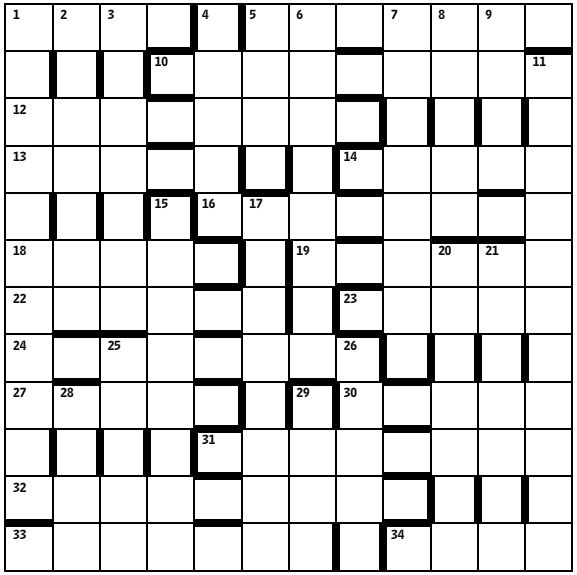
Azed No. 2,711 Plain - Competition Puzzle



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Across

1 Somewhere to buy drinks from yard (4)
5 Glittering Scotch stuff — secretive about that (7)
10 Couple of queens or a threesome? (9)
12 Sugary enzyme contained in blood vessel, right inside (8)
13 Secretary in US office inundated by post — enough! (5)
14 One entertained in clergyman's home (briefly) has to behave (5)
16 Harsh tax north of the border about clear (8)
18 One in suit showing the human body back to front (5)
19 Call at table sent back, tucked into cooked eel, nourishing (6)
22 Raged wildly after bottom mark in 4th-year exam? (6, 2 words)
23 System for weighing left page caught in publicity (5)
24 What chord may be, but roughly dividing opinion (8)
27 Iris, not the character to lead in folk dance (5)
30 Ornamental tag made of silver, an impediment? (5)
31 Mineral dioxide preserves depth of colour (8)
32 SA chap involved in disturbed matter with English, a minor affair (9)
33 She entertains, putting energy into being careless (7)
34 Will's beetle we released from prong? (4)

Down

1 E.g. scorpion's belly poisons moth without number fluttering on one (11)
2 Start of hole in tooth causing anxiety (7)
3 Note Mac's ball comes in — it's not appropriate for wicket (7)
4 Lung infection about over — it lasts a very long time (5)
5 Time to take exam, hard (4)
6 Abbot's equivalent offering religious teaching with love crowd embraces (8)
7 No belly flop? I do seven, floundering (8)
8 Angy suffering with a spot of eczema — in this specialist department? (5)
9 Non-professional, i.e. amateur, I'll appear in left centre (4)
***11** Bookish person (11)
15 Resentment about wretch getting trading licence (8)
17 The in-crowd attempts to grasp ambition (8)
20 Give a ticking-off for singular mess (7)
21 Some African tin, curiously tensile (7)
25 Liquors (Scotch) making pound by the sound of it (5)
26 Heads for the Levant, food containing hint of spice (5)
28 I make a mess of turning up garment made of oriental material (4)
29 Wager soldier maybe placed on ending of warfare (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. One entry appears therein as an abbreviation.

Azed No. 2,708 solution & notes

1 A	2 C	3 T	A	4 S	A	5 N	6 A	7 C	T	8 O	9 R	10 U	M
11 M	O	12 R	A	P	P	A	R	E	E	O	P	13 R	
14 A	H	O	Y	L	A	U	A	L	15 B	A	B	E	
16 T	O	L	U	I	C	17 T	I	E	R	C	E	T	
18 E	O	L	I	T	H	I	C	P	19 C	H	A	I	
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24 A	P	25 S	E	R	26 B	O	U	T	O	N	N	E	
27 S	T	I	M	U	L	I	28 T	H	E	C	29 A	N	
30 S	I	N	D	S	U	D	I	I	31 T	O	R	C	
E	M	D	32 S	T	R	E	S	S	O	R	A	E	
33 R	E	I	N	S	T	A	T	E	M	E	N	T	

Across 1, a^2 + anag.; 19, a in chi^2; 21, el L in star; 28, theca + n; sv. Can; 31, to RC; 33, reins tate ment.
Down 2, h in coo(k); 4, sp. lit + t in truss; 6, anag. incl. a + l + idea; 11, mate lass 'e; 13, 1 c in (p)retence; 23, en cor E; 29, a ran.

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