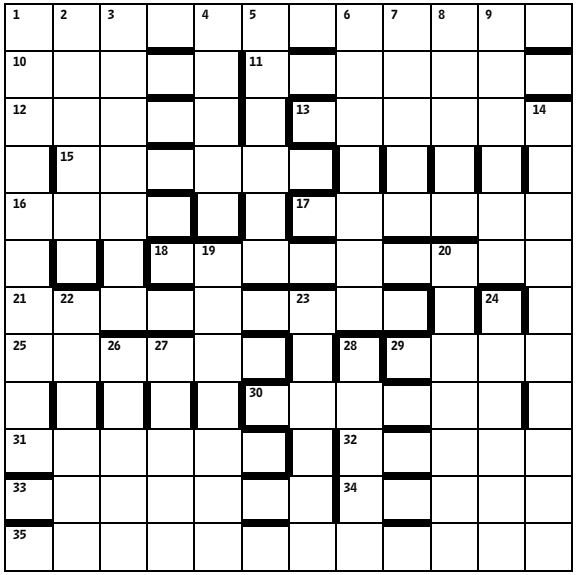
Azed No. 2,716 'Spoonerisms' - Competition Puzzle



Nine across and nine down clues lead in their definitions to Spoonerisms of the correct answers to be entered. Subsidiary indications in these clues lead to the correct answers themselves. In the remaining clues (except **26**) the definitions have been distorted by one Spoonerism per clue. Subsidiary indications in these clues likewise lead to the correct answers. Competitors should submit with their solutions a clue of the latter type to the asterisked definition at **26**.

NB Spoonerisms may be either consonantal, e.g. WHITEBAIT/BITE (or BIGHT) WAIT, or vocalic, e.g. BUNTING/BIN TONGUE, and may be accompanied by changes in punctuation. Bracketed numbers after clues indicate the length of grid entries throughout.

Across

1 Silly fool is working at last, evasive about lines, slow ebb restored (12)

10 S. African male, one attacking, regretted advance (5)

11 Cereal dip, rice turning sepia? (7, 2 words)

12 Maybe Mort's found hanger with front missing? (5)

13 Vital school, a company in block? (6)

15 Kin toting lad initially having just reached double figures (6)

16 A lot of planned devious items will hide them (4)

17 Compère imbibes wine to leave out food (6)

18 Something like jilted queen to marry girl, English (9)

21 Word play to deteriorate? Not once found in Spooner's creation (9)

25 Gold I found concealed in mine stores (6)

29 Marine 'rocky' stuff, carbon-free, in Med by south (4)

30 Kissing me, roaming Lantao (6)

31 Sum involved in crime – bit of cash for bloke in Fed once? (6)

32 River showing signs of slick, sleep in dhow? (5)

33 Give account of death, strangely tenable (7)

34 Be informed of end of Scotch, finished with life finally (5)

35 Country horse pulling sulky undergoes instruction to progress without hurrying (12)

Down

1 Brats naughtily tucking into ice cream wound old ladies (10)

2 Such pints'll spoil one pugilist – not sign to the fight once (6)

3 Entrance in meadow having sheep on the sheltered side (7)

4 A salver coming up? High money (5)

5 Wife lives with dancing set bopping in trains! (6)

6 Worker demolished loaf? Very weak to be in debt (7)

7 Bits of underwear beginning to slip? Mum sunny (5)

8 Rock bed with sex to importune? Not so (5)

9 Gun fuss of a kind? Kelvin's caught in awful noise (6)

14 Formality in data processing course? Location dreadful (10)

19 Tea urn'll answer Scotch for John, one brewed inside (7)

20 Amateur appearing in short run, dark as tongue? (7)

22 Organ's adjustable flap, never containing old 'doh' (6)

23 How things stand in the field started rush forward (6)

24 Food, alas, the French fed to fellow (6)

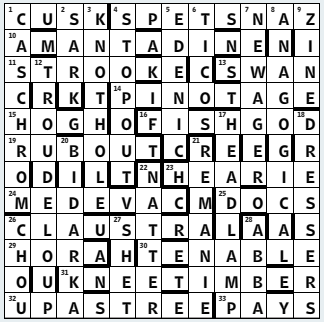
***26** Jungle thicket (5)

27 Some piecework and it's taken up the bowl hand (5)

28 Flock of mallard duck entrance thus (5)

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2016).

Azed No. 2,713 solution & notes



Across 14, o in pint + age; 15, hoe² = bill²; 26, CL + austra(l); 29, (c)hora(l); 32, up a stree(t); 33, Fr. = country.
Down 2, ref. Dame of S.; 3, n in KO thole; 9, ref. Zine(dine Zidane); 20, 1 dark in AB (rev.); 22, n + atter(cop).

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