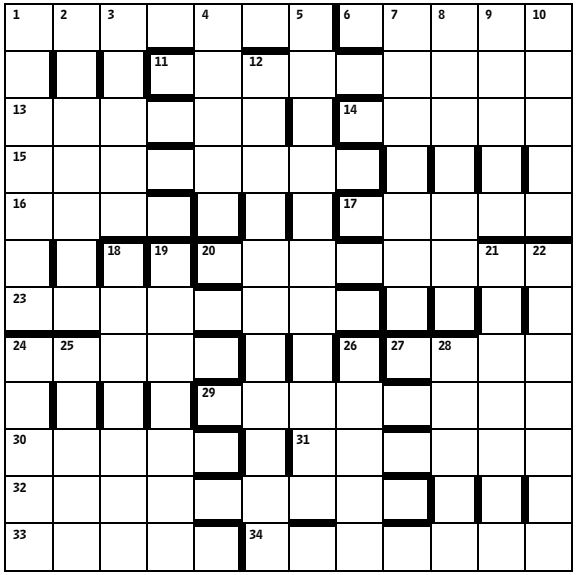
Azed No. 2,729 'Give & Take' - Competition Puzzle



From the answer to each across clue one letter must be omitted wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. To the answer to each down clue one letter only must be added, at any point but not unchecked, before entry in the diagram. Definitions in both across and down clues refer to untreated answers; cryptic indications in both refer to the answers as they appear in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the length of untreated answers, both across and down. The letters omitted from acrosses followed by the letters added to the downs, read in clue order, form a vaguely appropriate quotation in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, followed by the surname of the author.
Competitors should submit with their entries a normal cryptic clue to last word in the quotation.

Across

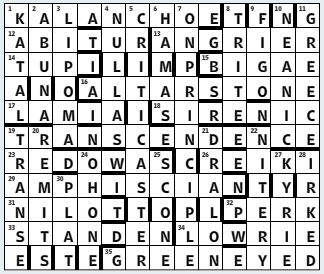
1 Overhasty outburst of ire? Jock's is worthless (9)
6 Ball right out of place in merry frolic (6)
11 Fitting clothes pair can name belonging (11)
13 Shilling change? What member of congregation opens (7)
14 Company loading gun primed clear of obstruction (6)
15 Communications system not split in pieces (9)
16 Posterior? Countess exposing outer parts (5)
17 Restrained conversation, English (6)
20 Superfamily? Fellow's back in seat with one (10)
23 Energy put into Pilates deployed measuring strips (9)
24 Like dressing for fish, left off? Stale crumbs! (6)
27 Plaster, something for the tank (5)
29 Mammalian subclass concealed in pint cell (11)
30 Saivaite symbol, fish with head of antelope (6)
31 Beef piece? Play about, rolling it, ignoring recipe (7)
32 Former king among crowds making official journeys (10)
33 Rustic chores that'll include this (6)
34 Get fat with splurge including hot social gathering (8)

Down

1 Oppose naughtiness in base (6)
2 Insect occupying space for spiders (6)
3 Liveliness? There's tons in demand (4)
4 Fruit run out – go inside (4)
5 Rubbings out enclosed in arts seem misguided (10)
7 Bone up on taking in harvest wing (6)
8 OE dance, disorderly scramble? (6)
9 Grub, number tucking into source (4)
10 Get involved with male? It was simple (4)
12 Original root twisted in hard seed to endure (10)
18 Pen song – that's discordant drunkard (6)
19 Vocal group rest uneasily having swallowed old ale (6)
21 Hungarian academic, dramatist etc less seen around in Hungary (6)
22 During afternoon, watery, departs inside (6)
24 Public showing direct from capital orchestra (4)
25 Scottish hoop, part of rolling near rigmarole (4)
26 Primal stage of decapoda, early on, primarily found among cereals (4)
28 Follow extract from oldest sagas (4)

Every word is in The Chambers Dictionary (2016), except one proper name, which may be verified in Wikipedia.

Azed No. 2,726 solution & notes



Across 12, a bit + ur; 23, redo was; 26, 1 + K in rei(n); 31, nil + to (rev.); 35, yen (rev.) E in greed.
Down 1, k + at al(l); 4, i.e. all in sun (all rev.); 5, I cas(e) in critter; 9, alternate letters; 19, tra(i)n se(t); 20, em in stir (rev.); 27, RI in kye; 28, cf. dirke; 30, plat(form).

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. 2,729, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries must be received by Monday week following publication at the latest and be postmarked no later than the Saturday following publication. Please include a brief explanation of your clue. Emailed entries will be accepted for overseas submissions only, addressed to *jcrowther2000@hotmail.com* and must reach Azed by no later than the Saturday following publication of the relevant competition puzzle.

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