# AZED No. 1,921 'Eightsome Reels'

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Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All the clues lead to answers of eight letters, and these are to be entered around their appropriate numbers, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each begins and the direction in which it is to go. The 12 unchecked letters at the corners of the finished diagram may be arranged as CURFEW VISITS.

- 1 Knowing about what's profitable in a way that's pointless
- 2 As seen in bill fluctuating energy's prone to fuse?
- 3 Army regulation, devious blague open to dispute
- 4 First off, jolly when imbibing liquor sort of acid
- 5 Women's skirt spotted in window, 50% reduced
- **6** Swiss wrongly cutting wages like horizontal band?
- 7 Grotesque type making babyish noise holding Jock's grandchild
- 8 Easily duped once returning ball is eclipsed by Murray's 'gold'?
- **9** Libel law curiously subject to decree?
- 10 'Ireland surrendering and in grip of drink' feature of some papers (2 words)
- 11 Subsidiary trade function includes shop selling specialized food
- **12** Miss sure dispelled suspicions
- 13 Old-style cabin-boys, Scots brats receiving sailors' tipple and little
- 14 Mother accepts a demand for ice cream with raspberry sauce
- 15 Mexican temple: I collate fragments

### AZED 1.918 Solution & notes

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#### ACROSS

2, MP in cote<sup>3</sup> + anag.; 11, man + 1 Ac(ross); 14, omit I all in ca.; 17, first letters & lit.; 23, comp. anag.; 27, lab(our); 30, AM + asses; 35, chanc(e) + Ellery (Queen, US crime writer).

#### DOWN

1, clap per claw; 2, informal name for Coronation Street; 6, ram(us); 7, double anag; 8, hidden rev; 9, comp. anag; 12, cant + r in anag; 19, merc (rev.) + sin; 28, ref. Menotti opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors; 31, sac(king).

## AZED No. 1,918 Prizewinner PALAMPORE

- 1 D. F. Manley (26 Hayward Road, Oxford OX2 8LW): Spread – array of two pages or a meal? (anag. incl. p, p). 2 R. J. Hooper (Holmfirth, West Yorkshire): Spread of snorers makes one glower during baroque opera (lamp in anaq.).
- 3 R. J. Whale (Twyford, Berkshire): You might have seen this dishevelled in a Nepalese romp (*comp. anag. & lit.*). VHC D. K. Arnott, D. & N. Aspland, N. C. Dexter, C. J. Ellis, G. L. L. Grafton, D. V. Harry, R. J. Heald, M. Hodgkin, M. A. Macdonald-Cooper, P. W. Marlow, L. F. Marzillier, T. J. Moorey, C. Ogilvie, D. J. Short, P. L. Stone, Dr A. J. Varney, D. C. Williamson, Dr E. Young.
- **16** Deceased given obsequies, becoming clay
- 17 Variation of tide's about standard same again?
- 18 They boil up soup to spoil the infants
- 19 Middle English word, meant (eclipsing every other) for 'wardens' (2 words)
- 20 E.g. fugal composition of main scale learner avoided
- 21 Religious communities once bursting with old-world charm
- 22 Cooked polenta's leatherworker's standby
- 23 Lichens all over in mouldy pears
- 24 French miss morning disappointment, plunging into Med endlessly
- 25 'The Go-Between', arid tome? Not so
- **26** To pass round wine is treat as in heaven?
- 27 N. American shrubs: small bird is seen round one
- 28 Twists, dancing to No. I's with extremes of rowdiness
- 29 Illustration in reception room showing savoury pastry filling?
- **30** Steward serving clubs in clerical vestment
- 31 Very good circles I tarnish, rarely developing as projects
- 32 Five in religion converted, nothing less, rising from the dead?
- 33 Shoulder-plates, former hindrance in seat I redesigned
- 34 Hybrid rose entwined in teosinte
- 35 Colloquial language daughter initially cut beside email embellishment
- **36** Most of cervix putrefaction I see is gangrenous?

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.