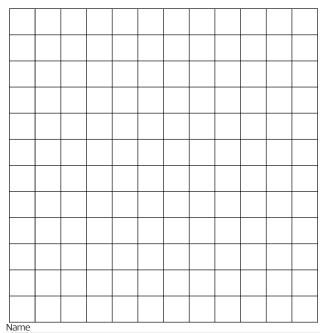
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The symmetry of the bars in the completed diagram is such that it would look the same if turned upside down, but not if given a quarter–turn. Clues are in their correct order. Prize contestants should mark the bars in their solutions. Numbers are unnecessary.

ACROSS

Fruit farmer's instruction to employees, we hear, offering some cash to Azeris?

Very brief beachwear creating bronzed look, good one Mordant press, quill mostly dreadfully yellow Chaps fish leaving dock and aim endlessly for oily catch Lateral route for Churchill, say, succeeded with Bevan? Like library books having a label on, 'revised'

Traders heading for China and what's excellent and special

They may be seen in anserine nests

A shirt worn for e.g. tattie-howking?

Study cross that's reversed, with a curse on it

Bedding material? Jokes, tucking end inside Singular place for example turned over outfits

Predatory insect – seven found in misshapen udder

Took food nicked from ship's chill cabinet

Fared badly in English or French escapade

Cremation urn, I? Not this (variant thereof) Vow forgotten, it turns heart to harlot

Arab trader perhaps, rum-runner of yesteryear?

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Down 1, sh(u)tupi; 2, cf. maker (qv); 3, penk(nife); 5, anag, in imari; 6, comp. anag, &lit; 7, (Chart) reuse; 8, anag; cf. 6 Dn; 9, faze+anag; 15, anag, + lass; 18, Welsh mining town where in 1966 apile of coal waste collapsed, killing 116 children; 24, an (rev.) in sky; 26, o Leic(ester); 27, cf. genre.

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DOWN

Spruce up and bend with injection of a varnisher's resin (2 words) You'll find nothing encloses water that flows here (2 words) Mandarin may appear in this, with many trees covering old abode? 'Pocketed' animal? Men depict this running wild

Treatment for arthritis: might subcontinental leader suggest this? Jump over settle, quite plain

A Queen song, new one produced in early Feb?

E.g. one beginning to feel the effect of anaesthesia (6)

Young ladies seen as absorbing love objects

Egret's mashed up, trapped in old-fashioned back shock absorber (2 words)

Matting set under plates?

Hospital stuff involving basket weaving or knitwear?

Spaniel losing tail in snare

City's old native quarter in the middle — couple finally changing places

There's little money in writing, and it's rarely stinted

Wilder (say) when one's bottled? That may or may not be true of me!

Fish caught in trap I raised

Like some ancient books Kipling's priest's opening for Christmas

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.