

## Azed No. 2,583 Plain

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### Across

- 2 X and what follows Y — a swindle (4)  
 7 Old copper collection (of pans, say) — it's well worth having (5)  
 12 Keeper dismissing No. 3 for a duck — Aussie's hard projectile (6)  
 13 Cicero? He comes to prominence after Caesar's end (6)  
 14 US labourer given guidance, jokingly happy (8)  
 15 French artist recalled (no date), one of seven historically? (4)  
 16 Small work reproduced close up (7)  
 18 Posture after imbibing hard liquor initially in Scotch bar, upright (8)  
 20 I resemble worker ant eager to work alongside queen (9)  
 22 Trophies arranged on special Orthodox Church table (9)  
 25 I've a tiny waist — see it merge fantastically with intake of very small weight! (8, 2 words)  
 27 Show passion getting in variety of seed potato (7)  
 30 Health food with alcoholic additive died away (4)  
 31 Record once achieved by two girls (nothing between them) (8)  
 32 Dagger: native American beginning to sharpen end of blade (6)  
 33 What may make hacking suits unusually small? (6)  
 34 Something akin to cod, ingredient for ragout or skink (5)  
 35 Range? First of superior lot probably Aga, versatile (4)

### Down

- 1 Clutch twisted, badly iced inside? Hot plate required (12, 2 words)  
 2 Test in cliff revealing limestone rock (8, 2 words)  
 3 Bird shedding top (i.e. with no hint of chagrin) in Edinburgh joint (5)  
 4 Italy's pre-eminent spot for pasta (4)  
 5 Shield protecting centre of pectorals in S. European sport (6)  
 6 Pen rat struggling in snare once (6)  
 8 What's specially threaded puts sailors on course? (8)  
 9 Verse in church? Appeal for help when penning little one (7)  
 10 Base of heraldic border moved to top for old peer (4)  
 11 Deforestation? Sense steres being chopped with little latitude (12)  
 17 Pit prepared in hollows for victims of war? (8)  
 19 Eastern mine without alteration leads to catastrophe (8)  
 21 Comedian introducing bit of grossness grates badly (7)  
 23 Portentous people having entry in big book of words (6)  
 24 Very small score with No. 2 changing direction completely? (6)  
 26 Abrupt snob cutting in (5)  
 28 Waterway fully feeding West Bank city? (4)  
 29 Attractive shell the old man found with gold inside (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.** It does not give the reference in 27.

## Azed No. 2,580 solution & notes

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32	P	I	C	A	E	B	A	33	A	L	C	A	I	C	I
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**Across** 15, vera(city); 17, a then a; 19, 0 in signe(d); 21, cf. caddis fly; 26, ref. 'the n. Roman of them all'; 33, c in a laic; 34, ven(i)son in e.g.; 36, ref. starting pistol.  
**Down** 5, the wed; 7, rev + Ellie (rev.); see Names in C.; 14, ph(ARA)oh; 27, B + Elga(r); 31, comp. anag. & lit.

### Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions and upcoming Christmas competition (to run on Sunday 19th December 2021) are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.