

Azed No. 2,612 - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Sap scattered with spore, one in strange attachment for parasite (12)
- 10 Lizard, large or small variety and tailless (5)
- 11 Part of botanical label for marsh plant (5)
- 12 Father having trouble writing accompaniment for Indian? (8)
- 13 Bit of nutmeg, hot, in soup embellished blow-out (6)
- 14 Stuff our country is short of and as of old (6)
- 15 That's some book, I admit, retreating – I'm beaten for sure (5)
- 18 Old fur, bits regularly shed by girdles (4)
- 19 Love poetry set before HM editor lost? (8)
- 20 E.g. Bunthorne, upset about these being distributed (8)
- 23 What'll come from murder motive as reported? (4)
- 25 Highland clamour, increasingly restrained, from the right (5)
- 27 Source of insecticide? Show contempt about lapse (6)
- 29 Early Irish settlers fixing sign round thoroughfare briefly (6)
- 30 Occupying lodgings mostly, ten awfully hard-up (8)
- 31 Whence topees are made, coloured rings going round (5)
- 32 Some useless officers retreating in trench (5)
- 33 I may redesign plot – reset linen rat-traps I abandoned (12)

Down

- 1 One against exemplar of industry digs art possibly, fan of modernism? (12)
- 2 Getting up, make space for former idol (5)
- *3 A commonplace person (8)
- 4 Take on gardener's enemy, something found in plant cells (6)
- 5 What streaker at Lord's may do in interval? (8)
- 6 Military caps raised, king ignored aid to road-holding (4)
- 7 Smoke rising round centre of verdure creeps over the border (6)
- 8 Trees a Filipino reared, millions planted (5)
- 9 Burgher poet, German, sister translated (12)
- 11 Seats may get attention from me! (5)
- 16 Cavalry piece? Nelly's holding on (8)
- 17 Round start of opera strengthens tenor last of all (8)
- 21 Despot, all but the last one's seen in purple? (6)
- 22 What'll be heard encouraging dance from the audience? (5)
- 23 Candied peel? This, aged, is misused in decorating (6)
- 24 Foreign gent erected guttering for Scots (5)
- 26 Nothing surmounts this compact for Danish conurbation (5)
- 28 Learn origin of primordial ooze (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,609 solution & notes

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Across 11, e.g. nave (rev.) + liar; 15, anag. less h; 16, (c)aramel(l); 28, a + taps (qv); 30, men in anag. less un; 31, ran + d in anag.; 32, O in leg (rev.).

Down 1, we + t in back; 5, E Ricard in anag.; 9, see brit; 10, emmet(rope); 13, herr + hunter with n moved up; 20, anag. incl. N Se(a); 31, a in Petra.

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. 2,612, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.