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Across

- 1 King not wanting vessel from the Netherlands (4)
- 4 Mistake is occurring twice in resetting of perm (8)
- 10 See everybody, a clue solved, in the groove? (9)
- 11 Point in Ptolemaic system, as in variant of 10 (6)
- 13 This horse I pen carelessly may be escaping (4)
- 15 Cheese biscuit maybe Spooner's swallowed with fizzy pop? (7)
- 16 Packs up loaves (5)
- 17 Red dye is one, when mixed (5)
- 19 Poppet giving hint about somebody turned aside (10)
- 21 Street ameer converted, brightly coloured with festoons (10)
- 23 Choir following words of old song stank (5)
- 24 With which ballet-dancer kicks off jump? (5)
- 25 Victoria and suchlike showing expression at home with middle of reign (7)
- 27 Local spat now hidden (in part) (4)
- 28 Sweet potato was served, 'eated inside (6)
- 29 Fragrant additive – some rock's containing this, not half (9, 2 words)
- 30 Stone square round Vincent's home for a time – unlike his famous work? (8)
- 31 Indication of some rock fan being bowled over? (4)

Down

- 1 Climber nipped by wingless fly complained (8)
- 2 Fine light fuse (4)
- 3 Grass turned up admitting need for bottle (7)
- 4 What waiters offer us after draughts? (5)
- 5 Fishy perhaps, as in a cubist's doodle (10)
- 6 Roller parking? Delay follows (6)
- 7 Measure including old coin with money (6, 2 words)
- 8 Has wobbly movement? Not !! Not true if I've this (9)
- 9 Moved faster switching halves for advantage (4)
- 12 Brie, rotten, going off? It's bright green and watery (10)
- 14 Love to stretch out, hot, inside cover, one of many to be seen in tea plantation? (9, 2 words)
- 18 One undressed may turn red with this – O! (8)
- 20 Electronic resistor? It's turned calmer with one installed (7)
- 21 Being dressed up in it makes one bristle (6)
- 22 Prone to sniffiness? John may make you this by the sound of it (6)
- 24 Pro demanding money (5)
- 25 Contraction gripping wife pressed from below (4)
- 26 Cadenzas perhaps, sensible if lacking depth (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,620 solution & notes

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Across 1, bib let humping; 14, US tag in but; 15, *King Le(ar)*; 18, DE TT ever (rev.); 26, (m)en in Goa; 29, re + w in dud; 30, it in Arsène (gentleman thief created by Maurice Leblanc); 33, stand + anag.

Down 1, ask in bet; 5, ref. *Goodbye, Mr Chips*, 1934 novella by James Hilton; 7, In(l)go; 19, ref 'cheap tin trays' in John Masefield's poem *Cargoes*; 22, f(lav)ours.

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