

Azed No. 2,624 'Right and Left'

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Apart from 1 Across, which is normal, each clue is really two clues, side by side but not overlapping, the answers to which are to be entered in the two similarly numbered spaces in the diagram, either side of the central vertical bar-line. Either entry may be clued first, and the division is not necessarily marked by punctuation. Solvers must determine which goes where.

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Across

- 1 Each of the following clues, maybe, a cheat (12)
- 6 Protective cases over boil perhaps including a medicine box: notice encroachment (6, 6)
- 7 Mate gripping edge, original deed not so good, caught inside, turning back (6, 6)
- 8 The old man's embracing a deity in temple layout Chams constructed with inbuilt energy (6, 6)
- 10 Low-grade paper on old actor: 'Needs to be lambasted after line filmed for the silver screen' (6, 6)
- 11 Tot, rather dull, rather substandard male taken in by first promise, formerly (6, 6)
- 15 Old crone in gathering for Indian curry dish may go crazy about recipe for fish (6, 6)
- 16 Flowery harangue about new Oscar excited: money invested rebounds in the US (6, 6)
- 17 Awfully miserly (almost), he looks pleased to arrange inside base misshapen bricks (6, 6)
- 18 When circumambulating lake princes played lyre after it recalled whence shingles originate? (6, 6)

Down

- 1 Driver accommodating pope at large, strict churchman suffers sort of railway engine (6, 6)
- 2 Wire cutter user manipulated with care applied to restricting new loose rock visible to viewers (8, 8)
- 3 Naughty child caught in church inventory one with girth belted, as is just (6, 6)
- 4 Being listless about love generated disappointing affair admitted by single Monsieur (6, 6)
- 5 One of several kings that's spread dread imprisoning wife – tell queen to cheer up (6, 6)
- 9 Sir Henry (no gent) suddenly appearing after queen, awe and tears being poured out in oceans (8, 8)
- 11 Lynx from Canadian province served in ship special stuffed in Pacific state savoury, spicy (6, 6)
- 12 What I'm served in pub maybe contains grand spider – slip off, begone! (6, 6)
- 13 Wry set drunkenly spouts extract from songstress, young, long-haired (6, 6)
- 14 Musical delivery man, picker of winners to sing part of barcarole (5, 5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,621 solution & notes

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Across 13, i.e. none go; 14, g + Emma (ref. Jane Austen); 23, who 0 in warp; 25, i.e. (Al) Capo(né); 33, RAC in do.

Down 5, tots (rev.) + ter(m); 7, French chef; 11, go on & goo n; 20, dorm (rev.) in ras; 26, is in ale.

Rules and requests

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