

## Azed No. 2,669 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Theatrical phantom is pelting front of gallery crowd (12, 2 words)
- 9 Accepted bishop's mild exclamation: 'Bedad!' (5)
- 11 Book size said in Scotland to contain pictures (6)
- 13 What skin cream soothes, treating a red gash (8)
- 14 Speedster to drive round, holding on (5)
- 15 Models that shouldn't be missed (7)
- 17 The feminine Parisian kid mostly appears in this uniform (6)
- 18 Names from the past I'm among shortly making comeback (6)
- 19 Maybe ironic address to friend year after sack? (4)
- 20 Murphy giving a hand alongside son (4)
- 21 Application for military uniform left in money kept in accounts (6)
- 23 Cut going into what's mixed etc, old-style pie thereof? (6)
- 26 Dim northerner needing to grasp difference ultimately between right and left (7)
- 28 Cats forming line in Irish festival (5)
- 29 Love making flip in second fruit tonic? (8)
- 30 Pear yielding dry unit (not vin) (6)
- 31 Secret societies? They can make your hair curl (5)
- 32 Senses we stirred with this result of adding a modicum of sugar? (12)

### Down

- 1 Young salmon, light brown, feature of Mull seafood restaurant? (6)
- 2 Bomber attack sounded clearly under power (5)
- 3 One bit of carpeting taken up in flat for hermit (7)
- 4 Get going again, including start of dating bird (8)
- 5 It's no longer tasteful, when cast 'bust a leg' (8)
- 6 Eager hoe-down circling street (5)
- 7 Fish from Spain circling river (4)
- 8 Sandwich that's appetising, with egg in (6)
- 10 Cause of red eyes poor hen had treated (10)
- 12 Crushing formerly hurt struggling clubs in grip of problem (10)
- 16 Prop not yet solid admits bloody lifting inside (8)
- 17 Flowers showing trouble rising in leaf divisions (8)
- 19 Rounded lump mother found on fruit (7)
- 20 Find out about Switzerland for feature of downhill skiing (6)
- 22 Bug, obscure, appearing on opening of speedwell (literally) (6)
- 24 Our lot will trap deer in decline (old) (5)
- 25 Measure of species changes lecturer showed in film (5)
- 27 A rag banned from local benefice as depravity (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,666 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, cat chat + str. + anag.; 15, ref. *The Winged Victory of Samothrace*; 24, comp. anag.; ref. Mohammed A.; 25, t leve in streeet; 29, twit(cher); 32, a in ain't it (rev.).

**Down** 6, 'sink'; 8, r + r in a key; 9, a dab for I in wile; 10, intil in sclate; 20, ho. + twire (see 7 Dn); 24, Av. + anti; 30, i.e. 'key F'.

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