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ACROSS

- 1 One of Macbeth's witches, I, and others, with three feet (6)
- **7** See, in a couple of states, an old face that's not *wholly* American (5)
- 12 Instrument a Romeo played (and British dictionary included)? (10, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 13 Brandy: special one bottled in Lemberg, I see (8)
- 14 Drug: hospital having none Tom discarded habit (5)
- 15 It offers rooms afloat you need to bale out? (6)
- 17 Plainsman turned quite black in Italy (7)
- **18** Clean one's getting drunk (8)
- 19 Small barge hit rower amidships (4)
- 21 Dram of Scotch? Off such, concealing condition (4)
- 22 Rich chocolate sweet type of rock tear off wrapping (8)
- 26 Nag set out, snatching lead from Red Rum (7)
- 29 Poet's wear, old breeches needing iron for rear half (6)
- 30 Set in examination are some snorters? (5)
- 31 Wine sack, slow burner (8)
- **32** Alternate in e.g. Christmas holiday, with going first (10)
- 33 I'm famous for hot spicy stuff get me a wife! (5)
- **34** Unconventional sext includes equivalent of *this*? (6)

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Send solution and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 1,897, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £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 £13 a year for 13 issues (£16 for overseas subscribers). Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip. Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 OHN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.

Across 1, caged; 5, conifers; I in confers; 11, corella; 13, asleep; 14, rite; 15, chay; 16, odyle; 17, talus; tal(I) US; 18, aide; 29, baler; 21 Social Chapter; 0 in anag. + apter; 24, enter; 26, cito; 30, seric; s + eric; 32, groat, A in grot; 33, hash; 34, 34, iris; 35, Hecate; 36, outings; out + anag; 37, retrorse; 38, steen.

Down 1, technocracy; con + catch in anag; 2, Croat; 3, sided; 4, melange; 5, daraf; 6, Sachertorte; or chest rate; 7, hereat; 8, paan; 9, super; 10, secret agent; cent. rest age; 13, leash; 20, Lowries; lo + sir (rev.) in we; 21, renal; 23, chores; s in coher(e); 25, torsi; 27, choir; 1 + ho in cr; 28, garni; 29, noils; 31, tecs.

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- *1 A complete failure (7)
- 2 Aid in combatting tsetses, rarefied in treatment of one flier (12)
- 3 In the pink you may come out with this, half your sick ailing (6)
- 4 Deer love tucking into blooms (5)
- 5 W-washed up in very old sink (6)
- 6 Bit of food I draw off cyclically (6)
- 8 Suit a man fashioned in stuff suitable for fire-fighting garb? (8)
- 9 Majority decision about waltz centrally not what modern discos feature? (5)
- **10** Honours list former editor scrapped (12, 3 words)
- 11 No fundamentalist in German politics displaying true love (5)
- 16 Stew disposed of (eat up) that all may see (8)
- 20 Amphibians needed when entering whirlpools (7)
- 23 Ancient bit of embossment in a precious metal (6)
- 24 French auxiliary in British regiment substandard material (6)
- 25 Group of formidable ladies that is dressed to annoy animal rights activists? (6)
- 26 With this aunty might redo my curtains (5)
- 27 One uplifting a supreme ruler? (5)
- 28 Refund e.g. VAT on some discount Axminsters (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.