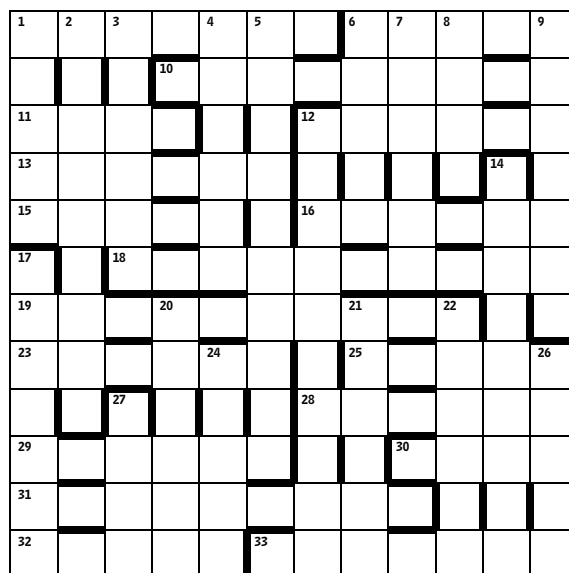


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### Across

- 1** It should fetch plenty at auction – free bag circulated (7)
- 6** What actor hopes to get, dispensing art without hesitation (5)
- 10** Mythical creatures going 'Plop', energy filled, in lake? (9)
- 11** Junk plans travelling from the east (4)
- 12** Reindeer, young male, galloped in harness (6)
- 13** In court he managed suit following extremes of correctitude (6)
- 15** Being cack-handed, it holds writer back (5)
- 16** Hairline cracks, not i.e. to do with old gnomon (6)
- 18** Pudding consumed? In place of second you'll see I hold forth rarely (10)
- 19** Summer-flowering shrubs neglected locus hid so (10)
- 23** A crop one locally divides in a circle (6)
- 25** Émigré, cross, having to stick around when returning (5)
- 28** Lewd arbitrator switching one character with another (6)
- 29** Marshy ground gunners'll get stuck in? Maybe (6)
- 30** Racket in Shakespeare, curtains being regularly drawn (4)
- 31** English Conservative holds seat endlessly, rarely speaking fluently (9)
- 32** Turns out there's some tension in the lines (5)
- 33** Transpose headword right to left, a hindrance (7)

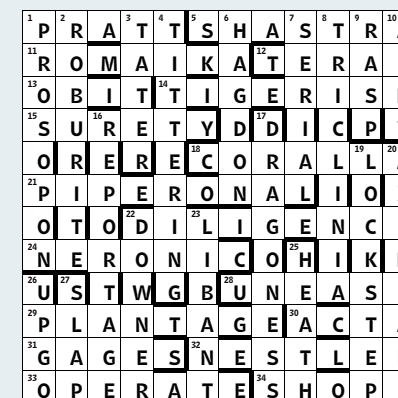
### Down

- 1** Nation lost being intrigued in political groups (5)

- 2** You might find one I'd blown mustering herd on *plain*? Wrong (9)
- 3** I like getting between the sheets, showing predilection (6)
- 4** Argues against time put into word puzzle (6)
- 5** Rag treated entrails and parts of pelts rendered smooth (10)
- 6** Corker accounting for contents of grape (a Chablis) (5)
- 7** Act the tyrant loaded with flexed rod in grip (6, 2 words)
- 8** As a student attending university, at the right place (4, 2 words)
- 9** Duffer, one on a bike by the sound of it (7)
- 12** Muscle working miners tore (10, 2 words)
- 14** Thoroughly cleanse improper chat that's come into view (9)
- 17** Dormitory for Scottish farm hands bird's turned up in daily (7)
- 20** Varsity with delicacy excel in play (6)
- 21** Pine to be enfolded in erotic embraces (6)
- 22** Subject filling tot's gob? (6)
- 24** Effort is put into rising source of energy (5)
- 26** Private room set up, not the first, for the promotion of language study (5)
- 27** Boarders ready or waiting? See those heading for gangway (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give 20 (in The Oxford Dictionary of English).**

## Azed No. 2,603 solution & notes



One word definition first, then number where word clued appears in grid, then note for the latter if required.

**Across** 5, text; 11; 11, caper; 33; 12, malformation; 25; 13, eulogy; 9; 14, snarly; 2; 15, safeguard; 7; e in lairs (rev.); 18, skeletons; 32; 21, whiff; 4; tit + t(h)e ring; 22, application; 17; Ag on in dress; 24, fell; 18; 28, malaise; 6; ref. Manx shearwater; 29, growth; 20; ea in anag. 30, record; 13; 31, fruit; 34; 32, cherished; 5; 33, conduct; 24; 34, imprisons; 31.

**Down** 1, personification; 14; 2, explosive; 19; anag. in lep; 3, potato; 1 Ac.; anag. of alternate letters; 4, swaying; 21; 6, bird; 22 Dn.; 7, publication; 23; comp. anag.; 8, beds; 16; 9, file; 30; 10, pale; 26, first letters rev.; 16, style; 8; tric(k) + anag.; 17, monster; 22 Ac; 19, march; 1 Dn.; 20, cleavers; 29; 22, drug; 28; 23, touching; 15; u re in sty; 25, bent; 3; 26, climb; 27; 27, blow; 10; (b)ash + y.

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