

## Azed No. 2,628 Plain

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### Across

- 4** Gold purchases – transactions included at least 200 centavos (9)  
**10** Chatter quietly with conductor (7)  
**11** Plenty imprisoned, shut up, doing nothing (5)  
**13** Predecessor on the throne, English, branching out? (8)  
**14** Odd guy giving one a punch (5)  
**15** Offshoot completely extracted from leek (5)  
**17** Motoring crush OTT? Here's a quicker route (8)  
**18** Evergreen shrub? Numbers welcoming return of heat (6)  
**20** Act, but dithery, showing hesitation (5)  
**22** Whip-round pocketed by patron callously (5)  
**23** Mac's cast for fish in Windermere? (6)  
**25** Perth's neat finish? In Perth, honestly (8)  
**28** Not attributes to be found in penitentiary (5)  
**29** One pursuing plan? Court somehow rejected dull spiel (5)  
**31** Saddle covers in school, worthless, extra-large (8)  
**32** Practice learned after university (5)  
**33** Marines at sea? This denoted the family (7)  
**34** Produced first book quickly, English well thought of (9)

### Down

- 1** Put out about franc on being paid in advance (7)  
**2** Tailor's material to employ with circling bands, right inside (11)  
**3** Close interest (4)  
**4** Bite ran out of control? This might treat it (7)  
**5** Hamlet's sword wound? Laborious, a V cut (5)  
**6** Thin sun out, unusual around end of June (7)  
**7** A reader missing denouement? She was furious (6)  
**8** Part of grass flower – see, bright climbing one (8)  
**9** Bypass to avoid needing to be on time (5)  
**12** Foreign money hidden in book, causing concern (11)  
**16** Female worried matron on start of nativity – he's presenting (8)  
**19** One appearing under headscarf in Muslim school (7)  
**21** Prepare for press? Step yet to be readied (7)  
**24** What's run often fixed by darter (6)  
**25** Disinfect mattress from below that's disgusting (5)  
**26** Lively as child with age (not adult) (5)  
**27** Inject mass within maximum, first off (5)  
**30** Orcadian estate of a kind, without superior character? (5)

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

## Azed No. 2,625 solution & notes

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26	C	R	I	A	A	M	E	N	O	O	K	A	N
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31	D	E	S	E	R	T	I	S	L	A	N	D	S

**Across** 14, a + mir in mal; 16, monkey with a for key; 17, to r; tor(rent); 22, bott(L)e; 28, c + air (rev.); 31, k in grie(f); 33, anag. + d in deserts.

**Down** 3, e in spun (rev.); 5, dam + bro(0)d; 6, born Armand Fernandez (1928-2005); (b)arman; 7, o' in anag.; 13, y(0)u + ky; 18, anag. with 1 for e, & lit.

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