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### Across

- 1 Field grass, luxuriant, mum plucked in pampas, grown wild (8)
- 7 What's Kalahari desert centrally? (4)
- 10 Chasing clues, i.e. needing solution (8)
- 12 Ivy hugged by priest, shame abandoned (5)
- 13 Ancient Scandinavian track, mostly very cold (5)
- 14 Slack ropes left hand cast off (6)
- 15 Short time getting into network? This'll facilitate that (6)
- 16 Sacred object I wrapped in robe (6)
- 18 Jacques maybe in service struggling for non-melodic parts (11)
- 19 Reward for just missing first place reveals mild upset (11, 2 words)
- 24 Celebrated statute completed, according to hearsay (6)
- 26 Sucker switching ends in little stream (6)
- 27 Slight Italian gents doffing cap (6)
- 29 One trapped by legal costs causing Jock's hysterics (5)
- 30 Open fabric requiring some discrimination (5)
- 31 Juvenal's work often includes Latin symbols (8)
- 32 Sleeve goes into this strainer, chef's first caught in it (4)
- 33 Is inclined to swallow fish anything but head first? (8)

### Down

- 1 Dad is going suddenly (4)
- 2 Feldspar lay around, mostly uninteresting one (8)
- 3 Litter disfiguring Andes (5)
- 4 Light-sensitive image, animated inside (6)
- 5 Stone crusher giving endless thrill to tiro at work? (11)
- 6 My siesta gives this, of minimum significance (6)
- 7 Old Etonians, say, following trend turned up with a topper on (6)
- 8 Right on, I'll quit marriage, continuing to next row? (5)
- 9 Late exploit at extremes, enough said (possibly) (8)
- 11 Graceful Linda, six, in new guise (11)
- 16 Her upstairs giving me grief? (8)
- 17 It's included in part of salad that's going fast (8)
- 20 What may be flourished in a moiety of leavetakings? (6)
- 21 Posset shows this, one appearing in nasty mixture after end of bottle (6)
- 22 Ray, dead, stripped of hood, led away (6)
- 23 Flower after spring's opening without being observed (5)
- 25 Backs measure up, with attractive charm (5)
- 28 Chelonian dissected in academy studies (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,628 solution & notes

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**Across** 10, p (Simon) Rattle; 13, E in forking; 15, sc(all)ion; 18, ire (rev.) in Num.; 23, 2 meanings; 29, prose(ctor); 31, gam + bad + os; 34, Gen. E rated.

**Down** 2, r in to use rings; 5, sl(a V)ish; 8, lo + lucid (rev.) + a; 12, roubles in tome; 24, anag. & lit.; 27, m in (l)imit; 30, (m)odal.

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