

Azed No. 2,655 'Printer's Devilry' - Competition Puzzle

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Each clue, except **8**, is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. **Example:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. **Answer:** PESTO. **Undevilled version:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escape story. Every passage, when complete, makes reasonable sense. Competitors should submit with their entries a PD clue to replace the asterisked definition at **8**. **NB** Preference is given to PD clues in which the break before and after the answer omitted (before and after omission) does not occur at the ends or beginnings of words in the clue. Please give the full undevilled version of your clue as well as the clue itself.

Across

- 1** It's an unfamiliar scene, the pat in his own garden (7, 2 words)
- 6** I began as a tradesman modestly – in my first sold newspapers (5)
- 11** When it comes to replying to invitations she's certainly the tart (4)
- 12** The prince losing his temper is in one of his pa's (8)
- 13** For soothing, pats offer limited relief (8)
- 15** To feed your veg patch, be sure, that's what you must apply (8)
- 16** I'm very partial to a good Scotch, but this is not (5)
- 17** Expressing displeasure his voice carried very nasal whine (5)
- 19** Such foul plans it's possible dated over time! (8)
- 22** The minister revealed a shock, searing his retirement (8)
- 23** They've exchanged their house for a tent – it must be a striving (5)
- 25** For growing this, Beth must be rich and well-fed (5)
- 28** Following cue is told of how the tribe began (8)
- 30** The only way of dealing with vermination (8)
- 31** Forming part of their crest, sagged with heraldic devices (8)
- 32** Offered a better deal we pass (4)
- 33** I had to ask for a cab to direct me to the lotion (5)
- 34** One who's permanently lamed, disabled (7)

Down

- 1** My response to his baking: 'A long time to make' (5)
- 2** With new evidence coming to light, the police plan to release mail (5)
- 3** Seeking only the brain in the most superior colleges (12)
- 4** I'm getting a pet my neighbour reared that's very popular (5)
- 5** Regarding the show we've little to go on, just then on TV (7)
- 7** Asked to recommend a holiday, resaid: 'Such I'd go for every time' (12)
- *8** An alpaca (4)
- 9** Dodgy spells? We took refuge in the marquee (7)
- 10** In solving PDs, one mutters to each clue! (7)
- 14** Avoiding what may spread, germanic in my gardening method (6)
- 18** In Eurovision do the Austrians always vote for the Gerry? (6)
- 19** The cake's nearly finished – who's going to have thing on top? (7)
- 20** In versions affecting lakeside areas of New England (7)
- 21** I like anything provided by the Taj Mahal but thy favourite (7)
- 24** Can you see the casing girders above the building site? (5)
- 26** Are napkins the only way to stop baking everywhere? (5)
- 27** As the original show flopped, so *Faun* is not being planned (5)
- 29** Let's give the home food if we can spare it (4)

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2016).

Azed No. 2,652 solution & notes

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27	R	E	P	O	S	I	T	S	A	T	O	R
31	A	I	O	Q	I	N	T	E	R	R	I	N
33	C	R	O	U	P	A	E	W	Z	U	N	I
34	T	A	P	E	D	R	E	N	I	T	E	N

Across 12, alternate letters; 14, it in blé (Fr.); 20, I corn in be; 23, anag. less a incl. r; ref. naval Battle of Salamis (480 BC); 27, anag. less ul; 34, E tin (rev.) in rent.

Down 2, ref. Aunt Sally; 4, see Names in C.; 8, alamo(de); ref. US saying, 'Remember the Alamo'; 11, ye + tern in sight; 18, 1 in per era; 22, as + trut(h); 25, comp. anag.

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