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Across

- 1 Males round Germany after greens getting bad indigestion (13, 2 words)
- 10 Fiddler's stand-by found going off in store (5)
- 12 Speed trap, one assumes, offering a bunch of tickets (6)
- 13 Poet's finished after gout spread he'll reach the end (7)
- **14** Bagging hundreds in gambling game, see (4)
- **16** Trotter, crude fellow occupying centre of scene (7)
- 17 Boot that is put on easily (6)
- 18 Part of collar? Pity front's dropped off (4)
- **19** Versatile tool spread variously to open rotating display stand (13, 2 words)
- **23** Ripple that's turned land surface as of old (4)
- 25 Scoundrel making woman throw up (6)
- **28** Top-class star group earning ticks and suchlike (7)
- **30** Run shortened newspaper piece revealing part of mystery? (4)
- **31** One quoted as authority giving famous sign including old cameo (7)
- **32** Being gripped by pain as before granny must (6)
- **33** Replete trap may disgorge this tropical fish (5)
- **34** Heading from cover, kestrel flies in confusion (13)

Down

- 1 Finding one's way without pin in brickie's rubble (4)
- 2 Touchdown in Eton footie making one turn red in the face (5)
- **3** Boxes turned up language symbol (5)
- 4 Cheap cigar it goes when lit (6)
- 5 Stove got going with charts, or old cresset-holders (11)
- 6 Sauce popular in Rome, grand when accompanied by a strong drink (5)
- 7 Enclosure knocked up (8)
- 8 Decline chapter in old-fashioned tale (6)
- $9 \hspace{0.1in} \text{Knight's end in poem, once wounded (5)} \\$
- 11 Submission on being accepted by one party in court case (9)
- 12 Tropical timber vehicle a POW fashioned on demand (9)
- 15 Weather's dull, penetrating wild lilac (8)
- 20 Confused state of film, flicker-like? (6)
- **21** Shrill dispute, tense within (6)
- 22 Sarcasm? A cheer follows its conclusion (5)
- 24 Harry embraces king as author of poetical pieces (5)
- **26** To become leader in Times Chancellor appearing in twelfth letter (5)
- 27 Louis's beloved, a female's central to his this (5)
- **29** Clobber section of siege army (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Azed No. 2,681 solution & notes

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Across 1, gm in anag.; 13, far (rev.) in gin; 15, m + ump(ire); 16, (C)haka, Zulu chieftain; 24, h + utu; 30, l in tarad(iddle); 31, (cr)azine(ss); 33, desk(ill); 34, ern in anag.

Down 1, smot(e) in push; 2, K in hoku(m); 8, f(oo)d in via; 13, NY in anag.; 23, c + E in rate: 25, i.e. tr as s.

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