

## Azed No. 2,689 - Plain

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### Across

- 1** Left-overs to arrange, starter coming last (4)  
**5** Monoxide of a kind? Charm incorporates reverse of it (8)  
**11** Blow received in ruck? That'll be a buckeroo (10)  
**12** Long arm in car protecting judge (5)  
**14** Diner some defaced from back to front (4)  
**16** Plug giving tip after show's opening (7)  
**17** Only a few compete in it, swimming in oily gloop (9)  
**18** Prat abandoning European supporters of home rule (4)  
**20** Man embarrassed about poetic effort, bright red (6)  
**22** Was stuffing left out? Very disappointed (6)  
**24** Northerner's clever, adding gallons to pin (4)  
**26** Clownish slap we stand up to, absorbing blow (9)  
**29** Scaly eels wriggling round loose fish? (7)  
**31** Number one dictionary (shorter), an evergreen (4)  
**32** Massage therapy auntie endlessly applied (5, 2 words or 1)  
**33** Whirlwind outing with notification of what's owed in advance (10)  
**34** Mum attending matins properly dressed, a regular flag-flyer (8)  
**35** Nursery favourite losing half of stuffing, tiresome for Walter (4)

### Down

- 2** Bits of rocky ornamentation, Japanese, in garden design (4)  
**3** Young girl holding knot of ribbon up, cheap in US (6)  
**4** Mine prop right inside passages seen from below (5)  
**5** Volcanic feature, form of mound, one-third pumice, after eruption (7)  
**6** Duck when catching book? This may detect visual defects (10)  
**7** What's analogous to alcohol? Some components extracted in this school (5)  
**8** Old nag having short run within grasp no longer (6)  
**9** With respect to fee paid, pound included not connected (7)  
**10** Tiresomely precocious kid, eager, went off the rails (9)  
**13** House plant, large: one sags from below, stair disturbed (10)  
**15** Congenital condition, generally avoided: suffering in gloom's medium (9)  
**19** Jellyfish that is core of jelly quivering in luminous glow (7)  
**21** Countryman's bird? Do please let it out (7)  
**23** Foreign rabbit, indulged, tucked into exotic fish (6)  
**25** Liable to change (6)  
**27** Routine, broad imposition (5)  
**28** University initially limited in money, providing unacceptable service? (5)  
**30** Fellows turning up in highland trim (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,686 solution & notes

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**Across** 14, net (vb) in cute; 17, see ACTS; 19, Ch. in (Robert) E. Lee; 20, rot in poco list; 30, (c)rime (rev.) & hidden; 34, lu(st) + lus(t); 35, Aslan + t; ref. lion in *Chronicles of Narnia* books; 36, anag. less sa + Ed.

**Down** 3, hangi(ng); 6, a tatou in (f)rille(d); 7, (U)trillo; 12, anag. less m; 23, O in rimus; 24, Arios(t)o; 28, (m)imbar; 29, een in t, e; 31, 2 meanings & Wale(s).

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