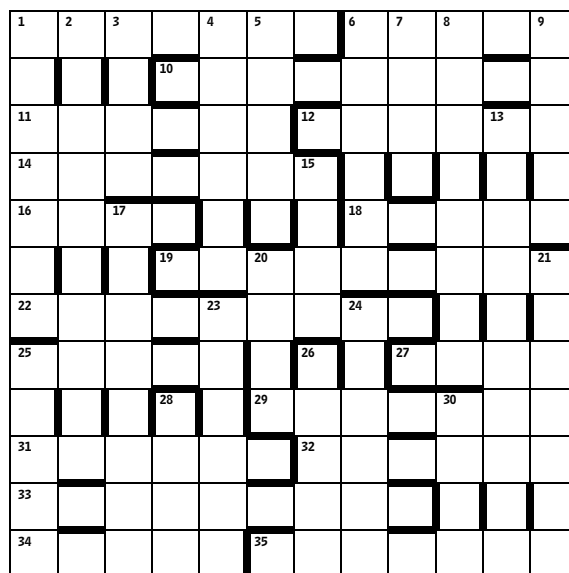


## Azed No. 2,695 'Give & Take'



From the answer to each across clue one letter must be omitted wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. To the answer to each down clue one letter must be added, at any point but not unchecked, before entry in the diagram. Definitions in both across and down clues refer to untreated answers; cryptic indications in both refer to the answers as they appear in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the length of untreated answers, both across and down. The letters omitted from the acrosses followed by the letters added to the downs, read in clue order, form a quotation in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, followed by the surname of the author. The line after the quotation indicates its vague relevance to the puzzle's theme.

### Across

- 1 Preserve youth in wild area (9)
- 6 Route for vessels was diverted round drainage channel (6)
- 10 Pie transformed vapour to expose back abdominal parts (10)
- 11 An ode I recast to arrange anew (8)
- 12 Lovers of naturism distilled in opposite parts of compass (7)
- 14 Ringo maybe catching heart of Beatles? He gets going again (9)
- 16 Parts of border changing places took shape (6)
- 18 Broken shin limiting power is confining for Will (7)
- 19 Is suffering with diets, e.g. for biscuits (10)
- 22 Cherishing Indian title separating names to coin I omitted (12)
- 25 Decorated drinking glass from Portugal featured in menu strangely (6)
- 27 Rob to prepare for exams is dropping out (5)
- 29 Marine, small, rebuffed close friends (9)
- 31 Fill with mortar, usually replacing one in clayey paste (7, 2 words)
- 32 Malaysian wood component of older antiques (7)
- 33 Duke errs wildly in place of simplified rite (10, 2 words)
- 34 Acreage calls on grass (8)
- 35 Place name incorporating glutinous hydrocarbon (9)

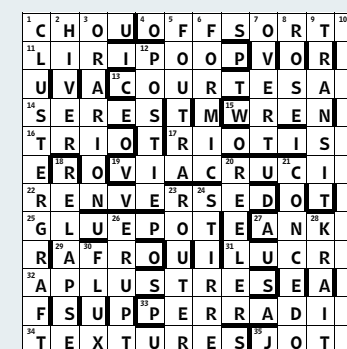
### Down

- 1 Australian mountain measure: bit of hiking equipment? (6)

- 2 Scream, soil trembling, simultaneously feeling quake (9)
- 3 Assistance required, deserted in small island (3)
- 4 What swimmers should avoid, a stretch of broken water rising in middle of rain (5)
- 5 Tree with medicinal bark, hollow one (4)
- 6 Monkeys, dark-coloured, to caress, tailless (5)
- 7 Programme for developing human potential, fit with energy dominating (3)
- 8 Shut up in a ditch? Variable measure of old (7)
- 9 Seeks newts around Austria (4)
- 13 Awfully empty, time to stuff meat? It's used for setting (9, 2 words)
- 15 Odd Parisian thoroughfare metre short (3)
- 17 Embrace stirred hopes with practice (7)
- 20 I roam Serengeti etc, causing nuisance to some extent (3)
- 21 Lecturer involved in mounting rows causing hurt (6)
- 23 At home dogs suffer (5)
- 24 End of cooling system brought to the fore? One goes after the dealers (5)
- 25 One of a pair in the night sky, colours dazzling in part (4)
- 26 Lesson at Glenalmond? Duck French coming up after Latin (4)
- 28 Early English overtaken by American custom (3)
- 30 Sort of cuckoo? Some (unspecified) I imported (3)

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

## Azed No. 2,692 solution & notes



**Across** 4, anag. + s; 16, ref. riot; 15, w(O)r(K) + en(d); 29, a + fro(ward); 31, (H)ercul(e (Poirot) (rev.).  
**Down** 1, anag. in craft; 3, RA in Orion; 7, overt(urn); 8, cf. ores; 20, 2 meanings; 21, conc. + ode (rev.); 26, pur<sup>2</sup> (rev.) in Et(na).

### Rules and requests

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