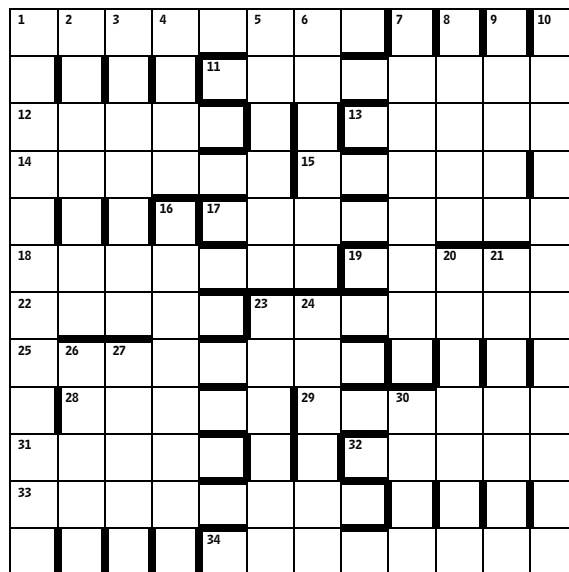


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### Across

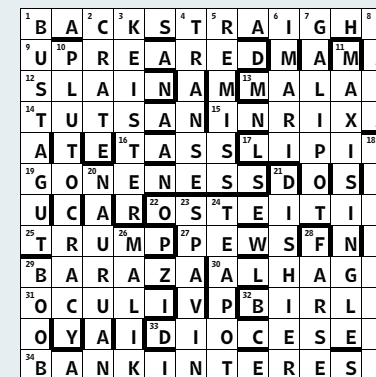
- 1** What to take exercise in? Notes will include pang when running (8, 1 word or 2)  
**11** Reduced height pursued by planes, very fine (8)  
**12** Salad garnish Escoffier's devised – not the off-licence! (5)  
**13** Fruit creation of banana with raspberries (5)  
**14** A naker's not the first struck for old emperor (6)  
**15** Against hazard I released fish (5)  
**17** Rape without passion, ecstasy, look, being limited (8)  
**18** Sort of stew incorporating Latin slogan (7, 2 words)  
**19** Shellfish tooth, bits in the wrong order (5)  
**22** Purulent result of botching DIY op (5)  
**23** Parent engaging chaplain as intermediary? (7)  
**25** Turk requiring fragrant stuff, tiny amount applied (8)  
**28** Corneal deposit? Philosopher has me accepting this (5)  
**29** Piece of armour, something worth having after start of tilting (6)  
**31** Swallow maybe beginning to eat inside seed covering (5)  
**32** Bellies formerly cauterized in part (5)  
**33** Strainer readjusted – it'll allow things to pass through (8)  
**34** Boy trapping sea birds – does it help to support budget? (8)

### Down

- 1** Servant with boiling teapot near – one gets baked (12, 2 words)  
**2** Old woman's taken over shift in Scotsman's cravat (7)  
**3** Final exam one's working on in overcoat (7, 2 words)  
**4** Mug for pet? (4)  
**5** Granny fed tart, requiring old-fashioned bib (6)  
**6** Whisper name, tense inside (6)  
**7** Type of harp creating clash with a cor heartlessly played (8)  
**8** Wind catching end of hair in part of Jock's beard (5)  
**9** Drudge had nothing on disposing of bundle outside (5)  
**10** Wanting readies I don't spread lavishly (12)  
**16** Writer, English, gets wind up inside like a lot of old fossils (8)  
**20** Flirts of old – they won't be singles (7)  
**21** Backhand stroke fashioned by Rafa initially to a great extent (7)  
**23** Sad sack following one in a fog (6)  
**24** Jacques maybe going topless, about right get-up (6)  
**26** Sojourn in vague W. European area of old? No thanks (5)  
**27** Bunter was part of it, forgetting Latin in tests (5)  
**30** What helps to render pugilist unconscious? (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,694 solution & notes



**Across** 12, slain(te); 15, INRI + x a; 16, t + as s; 27, swep(t) (rev.); 34, bank inter + anag.

**Down** 3, anag. in Keir (Starmer); 6, I mari(time); 8, tax + a; 10, l + anag. in pacy; 21, Sid (James, actor) (rev.) + 1 in her; 23, spa + vin; ref. Évian-les-Bains; 24, E in top'at (rev.); Cadogan, type of t.

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