

## Azed No. 2,701 - Plain

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### Across

- 1 What's netted in shallop, a herring? Yes and no (4)  
 4 Live plant is mango flourishing round centre of marsh (8)  
 10 Wretched lag, loner with little energy in part of cell (9)  
 12 Homestead (unusually) taking on Italian physicist (5)  
 14 Deadly animal a long time restricted to Florida (5)  
 15 Fix dodgy drain I found leaking in wharf (8)  
 16 Drug for treating asthma, like 12 (briefly), name included (5)  
 17 Ascetic getting drunk in place of debauchery? Rarely (7)  
 18 Wine that's drunk less with pâté? (8)  
 22 Classy lapdog, say, with brand implanted, more costly than most (8)  
 25 Choirboy maybe controlling start of minim or quaver (7)  
 26 Newspaper missing start of race (5)  
 29 Satire a church dignitary's written behind boozier (8)  
 30 Italian dish pa avoided as 'smelly' (5)  
 31 Like decorative beads made of glass or silver, unusual rig (5)  
 32 Nark about tapsters causing hindrance? (9)  
 33 Shrink from Shakespeare queerly mistaken about love (8)  
 34 Botanical details, bits regularly cut from wallpaper (4)

### Down

- 1 Loot as of old? Love of this corrupted (7)  
 2 Possible constituent of quark, present a very long time (5)  
 3 Arabic 'letter', coarse alongside limits of ours, read backwards (5)  
 5 Fail to follow suit, left without limiting doubleton in trick (6)  
 6 Crows working on inside of sheen mostly (6)  
 7 One provides seamstress's requisites, reel-end running out (7)  
 8 Up-and-coming actress, last up twice, shy of horse (7)  
 9 Magic herb from Olympia? Part of it anyway (4)  
 11 Converted vicar, pre-eminent male in gathering seaweed (9)  
 13 It gauges flow, oddly retro, gentle within (9)  
 19 I'm conditionally released, exercise involving one part (7)  
 20 Anteater, cross about male partner, departs (7)  
 21 Somehow get the hang of cooking tattie up, not soft (7)  
 23 Like boorish types, exercise in sink? The opposite (6)  
 24 It's active in intrinsic quality of body passage's opening (6)  
 27 Dry fruit that may be formed from a germ (5)  
 28 Fate shortly enveloping king overthrown (5)  
 29 More like liquid food, not pie, cold and wet (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,698 solution & notes

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**Across** 12, c + huff; 13, a tap-in + ch; 17, c + anag. less s; 19, cf. hi-res; 24, comp. anag.; 33, mag in i.e.; 34, ref. Edward Lear.

**Down** 4, put in e'er (rev.); 5, long s(top); 11, c + anag. incl. c + sin; 12, chest(nut); 21, g ro PE; 28, cf. memo.

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