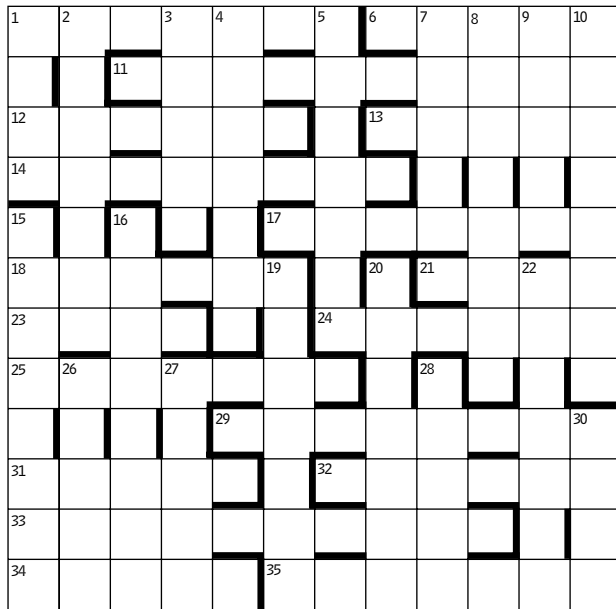


AZED No. 2,209 'Letters Latent' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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From the answer to each clue the solver must omit one letter wherever it occurs (often more than once) before entry in the diagram. Definitions in the clues refer to the full unmutilated answers; subsidiary indications, such as anagrams etc, refer to the mutilated forms to be entered in the diagram. Numbers in brackets show the full lengths of unmutilated answers. The letters omitted, read in clue order, form an appropriate seasonal quotation, not in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, from which two consecutive words have been omitted. These two words, which have been treated like all the other entries, appear at **20** and **9** (in that order). **20** has a clue like all the rest. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to **9** in the same style.

ACROSS

- 1 Sweet name I'm given in pedigree, traced back (10)
- 6 Fluid germicide? It symbolizes the working man (7, 2 words)
- 11 Tide in conflict with Canute scored? (11)
- 12 Soft drinks I mark being imbibed by boys (8)
- 13 Pulpit: it provides demure Scots with odd extracts from bard (6)
- 14 Varied rep is including Queen Elizabeth with English leading ladies (9)
- 17 Method for assembling data organized to rules (10, 2 words)
- 18 One selling dog in expensive car? (8)
- 21 Matter brought before eastern paymaster formerly (6)
- 23 Green ecofreaks will include this ancient ascetic (6)
- 24 New doctor, beard pulled back (7)
- 25 US censorious, say, on return of musical (8)

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Across 1, free z in Chester; 11, cf. paste; 13, sv acrolein; 14, 0 in prig + n; 18, he in reel; see heelbar; 20, r in Bow St (reet Runners); 24, bar + sac(k); 27, i.e. (etc)etera (rev.); 29, I in anag.; 30, Arabian with bad for rabi; city in Iran; 31, men in a trat; sv trattoria; 32, O + noir (rev.); ref. constellation; 34, asters in anag.

Down 2, RR in hay; 3, pin in sue; see skiver; 4, f(l)annel; 6, em in ripe (all rev.); 7, ZA I bats + U; 12, (s)trike; 22, w + torte (rev.); 24, B, I + Ares; 28, n for y in kayak.

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- 29 Tropical fever: remedy includes what's drunk neat (9)
- 31 Traditional Islamic text experienced on Thursday (6)
- 32 Swirling eddies? Get clear of rim (7)
- 33 Algae pilot's to steer uneasily round (11)
- 34 Old royal on the outside, right at the back (6)
- 35 Philosophical discipline somehow hinges round what's central to Confucius (8, 2 words)

DOWN

- 1 Protective appendage careless player always discarded (6)
- 2 Form of compulsory marriage on the up I have to reprove (8)
- 3 Part of cereal plant, Middle East one that is (6)
- 4 Inadequate as a serious volume, oddly lined, executive penned (9)
- 5 Pacific tree fruit, for which repayment date is fixed (8, 2 words)
- 7 Old Roman I, not active in Hawaian parties (6)
- 8 Pulpit university installed, perched up, they drone musically (9)
- 9 See preamble (7)
- 10 Shut up, having to accept ceremonial constantly repeated (10)
- 15 One uttering shrill cry (animal by the sound of it?) (9)
- 16 Spanish port, more reasonable by implication? (9)
- 19 Plan to recover lost territory (English version, given in bar) (8)
- 20 Divine centre of almandine in fiance's gift – what's bride, typically? (9)
- 22 Duelling scar duke revealed amid rising boasts, for all to see (8)
- 26 Major, leader of expedition in attendance (7)
- 27 Wiliness shown up around court and so on (8)
- 28 Loathes delirium surrounding holy man (7)
- 30 I shelter climbing umbellifer (6)

Every answer is in the Chambers Dictionary except for two proper names.