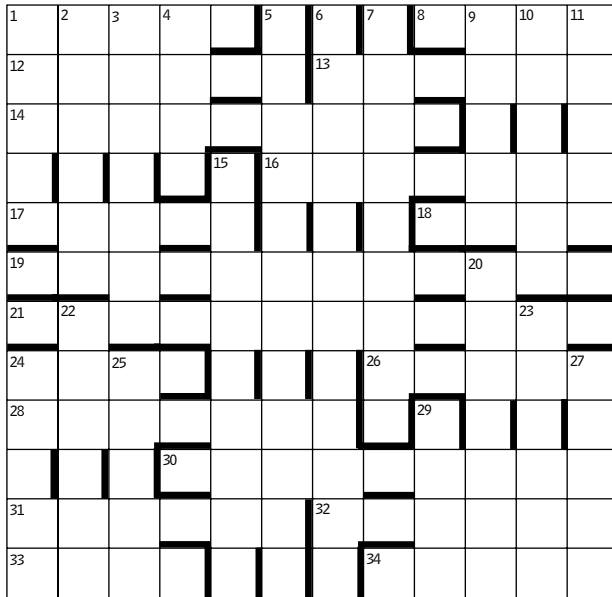


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## ACROSS

- 1 Primer, easy to mix with brush (no hurry) (5)
- 8 Bewildered once, having lost last letter in rostrum (4)
- 12 Sow back behind shelter, like piggies? (6)
- 13 Foolish Scots greeting stylish vigour (6)
- 14 It's silly to buy food that makes one feel detached? (9)
- 16 Herb Mac cultivated, something found on Scottish mount (7)
- 17 Tile left in glen (5)
- 18 Citrous and glutinous (4)
- 19 Mouldy gems one's included in fare? (12)
- 21 I split about relation, regardless (12)
- 24 Tête-à-tête revealing some bits of ana? (4)
- 26 Serpent – what figures prominently in Genesis recalled it? (5)
- 28 Number associated with darts displaying gut! (7)
- 30 Drum beaten with a tool, device to vary pitch (9)
- 31 Beer I'm brewing in ancient vessel (6)
- 32 Sort of partition (with reference to fruit) (6)
- 33 Nurse accompanying a paramilitary force in India (4)
- 34 Back strain interrupting odd bits of poem, blow for poet (5)

## AZED 2,214 Solution & notes



**Across** 1, shilcainbut; 10, 0 in chuc(k) + route; 11, anag. less OK; 14, (Sebastian) C–Coe in stud; 21, et al. I in rate; 23, (s)lettle; 27, gr. a in venom; 29, anain sed; 30, I in ebon (rev.); 31, anag. incl. e.

**Down** 1, 'booze'; 2, anag. less r + rette(d); 5, anag. in aime(d); 6, c + red (cent); 7, pot in comes (tible); 8, R + Ubu + p(art); ref. Alfred Jarry play, *Ubu Roi*; 13, round + b in tale; 15, le in earning (qv); 19, b + as in rets; 22, first letters in anag. less in; 24, (S)tuart; 27, cf. il va (Fr. = he goes).

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 1 Murray two up? So one's heard (5)
- 2 Claptrap about Evangelical Union in Nonconformist venue (6)
- 3 Decisive blow for colonist (7)
- 4 It's famous for its mess (10 letters) (4)
- 5 Gritty stuffing for saucisse? Peer wobbled unsteadily under pressure (12)
- 6 Less than what was promised? It certainly involves mother getting upset (12, 2 words)
- 7 Lateral hair sinks, not fashionable but coiled in knots (9)
- 9 One in embassy captivated by angel chimes (5)
- 10 How to address a palm-reader (demented soul)? (6)
- 11 Hopelessness? Some must accept what's at its centre (5)
- 15 Low upwardly mobile Gentlemen will gather in dining quarters (9)
- 20 Tiny gal? Quite wrong – colossal (7)
- 22 Crew man on dry land, one in bar that is (6)
- 23 In Burgundy you *must* imbibe what's currently seasonal – red or white? (6)
- 24 Empty sign on dismantled bus stops (5)
- 25 It was sub-zero for embattled sailors (5)
- 27 English despatched in mutinous Meerut, a veteran squad (5)
- 29 One of nibbles gives bits of cheeky amorousness when applied to this! (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. A reference in 1Down is a little obscure, and one in 4 down appears for the first time in the 2014 edition of Chambers.*