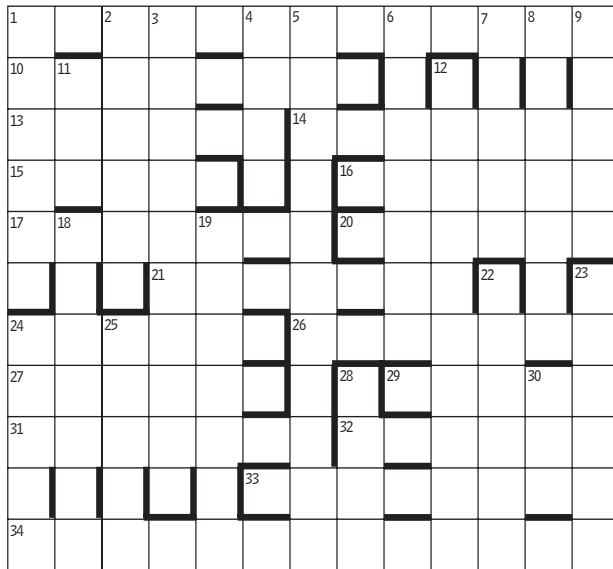


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## ACROSS

- 1 Cable knots put irregularly – they help in measuring ships (13, 2 words)
- 10 Teacher having turned sour l exercised what causes a smile? (8)
- 13 Old counsels, reverse of inexperienced in brief retort? (6)
- 14 Rank tee shot? *That* may be this (7)
- 15 Submissive gray broken by puckish type (5)
- 16 The French queen replaces monarch's name, more than a little work (6)
- 17 Garden flower, look, the devil when cut finally (7)
- 20 Band section (not good) backing – they're smothered by amused Scots (6)
- 21 He'll preach to Boers in English inside old cathedral ((7)
- 24 *Almost* drop Latin? I look sulky (6, 2 words)
- 26 Storm poetically rushed round and round (7)
- 27 Speaker of international lingo, i.e. not English but including 'Hey, you!' (6)
- 29 Suit (not the first) doing turn as material for tattie-bogle? (5)
- 31 Her indoors with husband, namby-pamby (7)
- 32 What the well-informed know? No-no is perplexed (6)
- 33 Caught pinching mysterious old jewelled torque? (8)

## AZED 2,278 Solution & notes

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**Across** 6, (l)slam's; 12, n + arrow cast; 14, anag. & lit.; joint 1st prizewinning clue in AZ Comp. No. 1,593 by J.R. Beresford and M. Coates; 15, re<sup>2</sup> in arar; 19, 'ass pecked'; 25, ide in gus(h); 28, let + rig (rev.) in ball; ref. series of ballet paintings by Edgar Degas; 29, scree(d); 31, m + horr (id).

**Down** 1, Asti in anag, less é; 2, ref. R. McIlroy; 3, rum (rev.) + re (is)let; 4, mo in pace (rev.); 5, t + art in anag; 8, ntic in moles; 9, anag. in stolen; 13, raise in anag; 17, hing in seps (rev.); 21, see crown; 22, due + OTT (rev.); 24, orb if (rev.); 27, sv mir.

## PRIZERULES

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**34** Energy-filled R. Stein broadcast, thrilling in absorbing fashion (13)

## DOWN

- 1 Edmund's showing pride through bagging a girl, wayward, l lost (6)
- 2 Climbing e.g. mizzen sailor hoisted dish of barley (6)
- 3 Submariner possibly, close against port side, heaving (10)
- 4 You want a ritual implements box? Chat turns to that if so (4)
- 5 They perform revenge killings, a desire that nags one among Islamic people (11)
- 6 One had no difficulty with Alma Mater – schools learn it (7)
- 7 Poorly, semi-pink ear drum (one of a pair) (5)
- 8 River runs dry, once strained? (7)
- 9 What you'll get from soprano close to G & S (5)
- 11 Maori tribe – more than one is archaic certainly (3)
- 12 Frog e.g., strange when seen in new islands coming up (10)
- 18 Nothing – *this* I saw if old (7)
- 19 One re-interpreting Bach, central duo halved, more unsatisfactory (7)
- 22 Unisex wrap, one of 9 you'll find Arab in (6)
- 23 Like stubborn mount at Ayr, per verse, around middle of field (6)
- 24 I'll need e.g. leg over where the forgotten are consigned (5)
- 25 Given job I'll get stuck in (5)
- 28 The northern English crop up, making Scots sulk (4)
- 30 Old one again losing weight (3)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*