

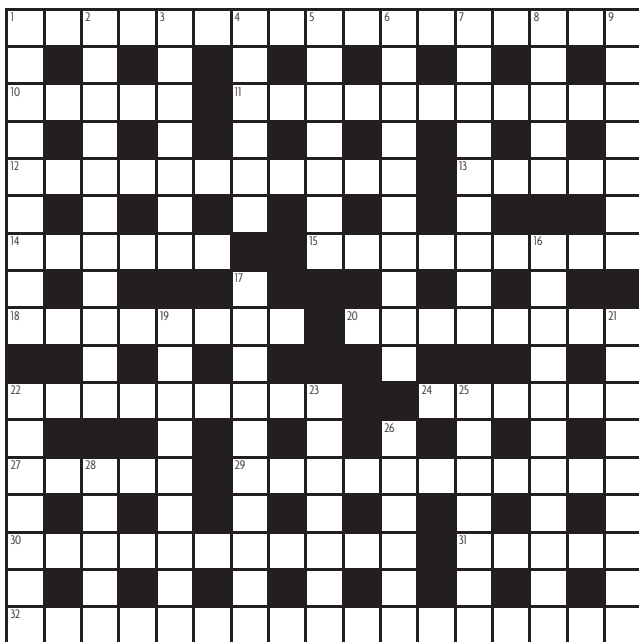
Polymath 648 Set by Sleuth

ACROSS

- 1 A lawyer in *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens (6,11)
- 10 Game played on a board of 256 squares (5)
- 11 Genus of purple or white drooping bell-shaped flowers, often marked in a chequered pattern (11)
- 12 Italian musician and courtier who became secretary of Mary, Queen of Scots (5,6)
- 13 Member of an Iranian people living in south Russia and north Georgia (5)
- 14 ----- Creed, formal summary of Christian beliefs promulgated in 325AD (6)
- 15 Italian painter of the Venetian school who introduced a new unity between figures and landscape (9)
- 18 Leif, Norse navigator who was son of Erik the Red (8)
- 20 Brown crystallised cane sugar from the Caribbean (8)
- 22 Abundance or copiousness (9)
- 24 Membrane forming outer covering of the eyeball (6)
- 27 Bond villain played by Adolfo Celi in *Thunderball* (5)
- 29 Irish novelist whose works include *Circle Of Friends* (5,6)
- 30 Japanese fashion designer born in 1938 (5,6)
- 31 Ancient region of central coastal Anatolia (5)
- 32 The first female cabinet minister in the UK (8,9)

DOWN

- 1 Metaphysical poet whose works include "Death Be Not Proud" (4,5)
- 2 It was used first for inoculations against poliomyelitis (4,7)
- 3 A name for the devil found in the Book of Revelations (7)
- 4 Term in the British Raj for lunch or a light meal (6)
- 5 German city where Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated in 1813 (7)
- 6 English architect and designer who was responsible for the Banqueting Hall in Whitehall (5,5)
- 7 A Turkish sailor (9)
- 8 A kind of gold or silver lace (5)
- 9 A small sweet orange (7)
- 16 An iridescent quality like that of a gemstone (11)
- 17 A yellowish hydrous sulphate of iron found in some volcanic rocks (10)
- 19 Green freshwater alga with minute filaments containing coiled chloroplasts (9)
- 21 A person undergoing psychoanalysis (9)
- 22 Garment worn in ancient Greece made by draping a rectangular cloth about the body (7)
- 23 A poor man's only possession (3-4)
- 25 A mean despicable fellow (7)
- 26 River whose tributaries include the Stour, Teme and Wye rivers (6)
- 28 The upright part of a step (5)



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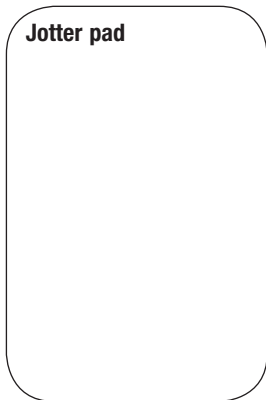
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