

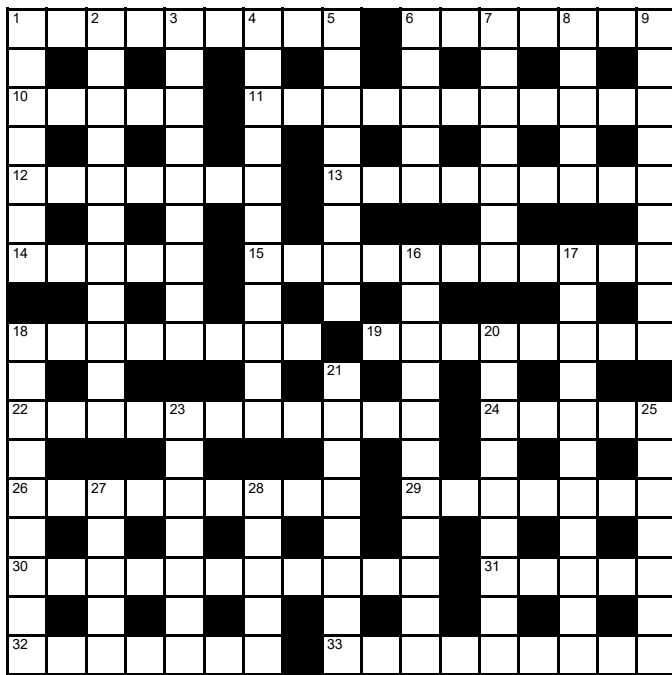
# POLYMAT 1,274 by SLEUTH

## ACROSS

- 1** Horse-drawn carriages in the past for one person with two or four wheels (9)  
**6** German wine made from very ripe, hand-selected grapes (7)  
**10** Plea of being elsewhere at the time of an offence (5)  
**11** Fawning or obsequious (11)  
**12** A hollow beneath a fireplace (3-4)  
**13** Tortilla served with chilli sauce and a filling of meat or cheese (9)  
**14** Heather \_\_\_\_, lead vocalist of house music group M People (5)  
**15** Charles Dickens novel featuring undertaker Mr Sowerberry (6,5)  
**18** Spiny, scarlet-flowered shrub of the southwestern US and Mexico (8)  
**19** Scottish rock band noted for 2002 album *The Remote Part* (8)  
**22** To walk round a place, often in a leisurely way for pleasure (11)  
**24** Tropical marine mollusc with a spiral shell (5)  
**26** Director whose films include the 1949 film noir *The Third Man* (5,4)  
**29** \_\_\_\_, Egyptian king whose forces fought at the Battle of Kadesh (7)  
**30** Italian-born physicist, winner of Nobel Prize in Physics in 1938 (6,5)  
**31** Poncho-like outer garment of heavy wool, worn especially in Colombia (5)  
**32** Capital of the US state of New Mexico (5,2)  
**33** Colourless, pungent-smelling hydrocarbon gas used in welding (9)

## DOWN

- 1** Those who supposedly can use magic to cure sick people (7)  
**2** Sculptor born in Mumbai who designed the Cloud Gate in Chicago (5,6)  
**3** A derogatory term for the common people (3,6)  
**4** Ange \_\_\_\_, Australian manager appointed Tottenham Hotspur FC coach in 2023 (11)  
**5** Hormone released into the bloodstream by the duodenum (8)  
**6** Savoury jelly made with meat stock and set in a mould (5)  
**7** An advocate of a centralised form of control over social and economic affairs (7)  
**8** A score such as a wide in cricket (5)  
**9** *The \_\_\_\_ Castle*, children's fantasy novel by Edith Nesbit published in 1907 (9)  
**16** Runner-up in the 1999 Formula One World Championship (5,6)  
**17** Romanian tennis player noted for on-court histrionics (4,7)  
**18** Brown African birds that feed on parasites on grazing mammals' skins (9)  
**20** Mountain range in central Cuba (9)  
**21** Oval-shaped panel surrounding the figure of a holy person in art (8)  
**23** Strait of \_\_\_\_, body of water separating Sumatra from Malaysia (7)  
**25** A person held as security for the fulfilment of a condition (7)  
**27** An event or programme held again (5)  
**28** \_\_\_\_, Gray, Scottish writer married to John Ruskin and John Everett Millais (5)



## Solution 1,273

