

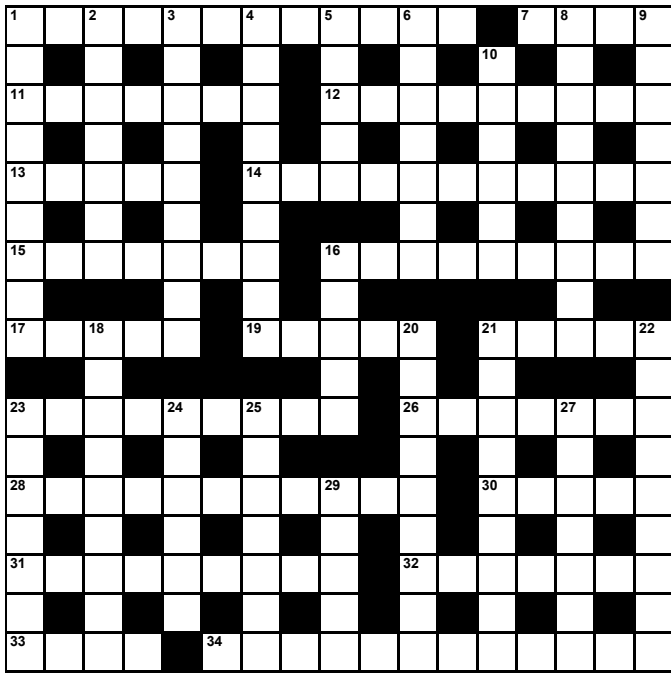
# POLYMATH 1,305 by HAMILTON

## ACROSS

- 1** Italian-born bodybuilder, the original “seven stone weakling” (7,5)  
**7** Portmanteau word for intense air pollution (4)  
**11** The correct name for teas that are not made from the plant *Camellia sinensis* (7)  
**12** English dramatist (1641-1716), best known for *The Country Wife* (9)  
**13/29** William Cobbett’s views on 19th century England, published in 1830 (5,5)  
**14** The inky black substance secreted by an octopus to escape predators (11)  
**15** Disrepute (3,4)  
**16** A thick cotton fabric with a soft nap on one side (9)  
**17** Heraldic term meaning ‘black’ (5)  
**19** City in southern France famous for its Roman arena and the Pont du Gard aqueduct (5)  
**21** In billiards, a shot that makes the cue ball swerve around another (5)  
**23** A contest between DJs, rappers or similar artistes (9)  
**26** A mixture of compressed clay and straw used for building walls (7)  
**28** MP for Caernarfon Boroughs (1890-1945) (5,6)  
**30** The direction of the Kaaba, to which Muslims turn at prayer (5)  
**31** A broad, high level area, a plateau (9)  
**32** City in which the TV series *Frasier* is set (7)  
**33** Goalkeeper who has played for Arsenal since 2023 (4)  
**34** Writer of the children’s stories about Little Grey Rabbit and Sam Pig (6,6)

## DOWN

- 1** Crawler tractors that haul a number of sleighs across snow or ice (3,6)  
**2** Relating to the Southern Hemisphere (7)  
**3** Wartime arrangement whereby the US supplied arms and equipment in return for the use of UK bases (4-5)  
**4** Denoting a task that can never be completed (9)  
**5** A leather strap with a slit end, formerly an instrument of punishment (5)  
**6** A pastoral paradise, the home of the god Pan (7)  
**8** *Blazing Saddles* and *The Producers* co-writer and director (3,6)  
**9** Mythical creature with an eagle’s head and wings and a lion’s body (7)  
**10** The messenger of the gods in Greek myth (6)  
**16** One of the twelve disciples who was known as The Zealot (5)  
**18** Term originating in the 1930s for a street vendor (6,3)  
**20** Music journalist and presenter of *Stage and Screen* on BBC Radio 3 (9)  
**21** Fashion designer whose work epitomised swinging London in the 1960s (4,5)  
**22** An attempt to influence a judge or jury in a corrupt manner (9)  
**23** Telecommunications satellite; UK No. 1 for the Tornados (7)  
**24** A gardening implement used to transplant seedlings (6)  
**25** Taking everything into account (7)  
**27** In anatomy, relating to the forearm or elbow (7)  
**29** See 13



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