

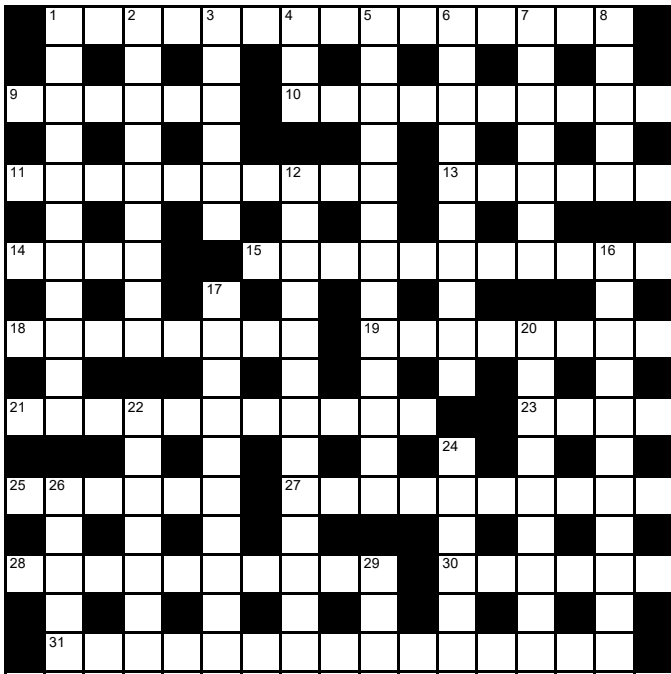
# POLYMATH 1,308 by SLEUTH

## ACROSS

- 1** Debut studio album by The Police released in 1978 (9,6)  
**9** Relating to government revenues, especially taxes (6)  
**10** A string of plants with yellow centred flowers threaded by stems (5,5)  
**11** Relating to a period of time neither very soon nor very far into the future (6-4)  
**13** Organ of the body that filters blood (6)  
**14** A small ornamental case for holding needles and other articles (4)  
**15** Author of 1945 novel *Brideshead Revisited* (6,5)  
**18** Waylon \_\_\_, personal Assistant of Mr Burns in The Simpsons (8)  
**19** To treat warmly strangers, often in order to gain advantage (4-4)  
**21** Gymnastics apparatus with curved handgrips, used to swing the body (6,5)  
**23** Sergeant \_\_\_, detective in Wilkie Collins' 1868 novel *The Moonstone* (4)  
**25** Describing food smelling or tasting unpleasant due to staleness (6)  
**27** TV game show presented by Greg Davies and Alex Horne (10)  
**28** Body dedicated to the welfare of dogs founded in 1873 (6,4)  
**30** \_\_\_ condenser, laboratory piece named after a German chemist (6)  
**31** Team GB runner who won gold in the women's 800 metres at the 2024 Olympics (5,10)

## DOWN

- 1** South African politician after whom Johannesburg's airport is named (6,5)  
**2** An artist whose work strives to appeal to the sense of touch (9)  
**3** Self-confidence or assurance (6)  
**4** A thing that fails to work properly or is otherwise unsatisfactory (3)  
**5** Those who study movements of the earth connected with earthquakes (13)  
**6** A breed of cat with a ticking pattern on its coat (10)  
**7** Painting by John Everett Millais depicting a heroine fallen in a river (7)  
**8** European river that has the Lorelei rock on its eastern bank (5)  
**12** Singer/songwriter noted for his 1979 song *Oliver's Army* (5,8)  
**16** The act of bending the knees in worship or reverence (11)  
**17** Musical based on Thornton Wilder's farce *The Merchant of Yonkers* (5,5)  
**20** Those who sell items door-to-door or from a stall (9)  
**22** Ancient Greek city that was Agamemnon's capital (7)  
**24** Pieces of coloured glass or enamel used in mosaics (6)  
**26** Smart \_\_\_, informal term for a tiresome type claiming cleverness (5)  
**29** A harmful microorganism, typically a bacterium (3)



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