

POLYMATH 1,282 by SLEUTH

ACROSS

1 Containers for retail goods (87)

9 Cressida __, children's author noted for her book series *How to Train Your Dragon* (6)

10 The emigration of highly qualified people from a particular country (5,5)

11 A hairstyle in which hair is tapered in layers (7,3)
13 Lord ___, Lyra
Silvertongue's father in the *His Dark Materials* trilogy (6)

14 Bishan Singh __, left-arm spinner who took 266 Test wickets for India (4)

15 Chains, cords or ribbons for securing timing devices worn on the person (5,6)

18 Director, born in 1957, whose films include *BlacKkKlansman* (5,3)

19 Covered Japanese sedan chairs carried by men (8)

21 A dessert of custard topped with caramelised sugar (5,6)

23 A rod passing through the centre of a wheel (4)

25 A Spanish dish of rice, chicken, seafood etc cooked and served in a pan (6)

27 A musical direction meaning 'with a gradual decrease in speed' (10)

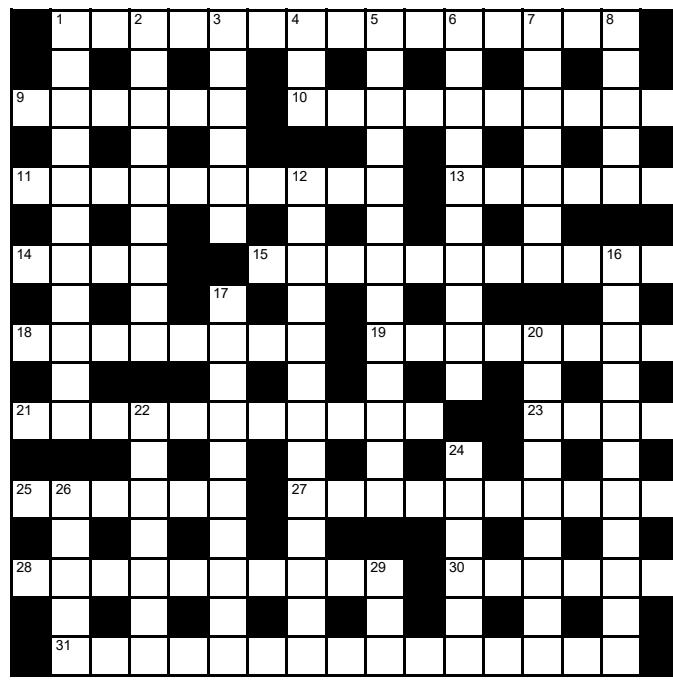
28 A small rural residence composed of clay and chopped straw (3,7)

30 Mole-like mammals whose collective noun is a colony or drove (6)

31 Conflict of the Middle Ages
that included the Battle of
Agincourt (7,5,3)

DOWN

- 1 An official who keeps a tally in sports matches (11)
- 2 To spend too much time in cogitation (9)
- 3 Harry __, fictional spy created by Len Deighton (6)
- 4 The central point of a matter (3)
- 5 Informal term for a competition decided on the basis of popularity (6,7)
- 6 Song by Blondie released on their 1978 album *Parallel Lines* (6,4)
- 7 Stoke-on-Trent suburb where Josiah Wedgwood opened a ceramics factory (7)
- 8 1996 film based on the life of pianist David Helfgott (5)
- 12 A thick steak cut from grilled fillet of beef named after a French statesman (13)
- 16 Labour politician who became Scotland's inaugural First Minister (6,5)
- 17 One who manages a gentleman's social institution (10)
- 20 Actress who played a young mother in 1968 film *Rosemary's Baby* (3,6)
- 22 Broad esplanade and seawall in Havana (7)
- 24 George MacDonald __, author who created the Flashman series of novels (6)
- 26 The name for mercury in alchemy (5)
- 29 Eberechi __, midfielder who joined Crystal Palace FC in 2020 (3)



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CASSOCK MURK EKG GINGER
LOFOTEN OSTROGOOTH
NANCY SWAP
JACK KEROUAC ALPEN
VILL RUE JAIL
RIGEL EZRA CORNELL
SYDNE NUTTA
SWALEDALE
BRAHMAPUTRA BOWIE
EALM SSMN
WELSH SMOOTH HOUND
DTS SINE ERA
BRIANKIDD CLARICE
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SPINNAKER MAGHREB