

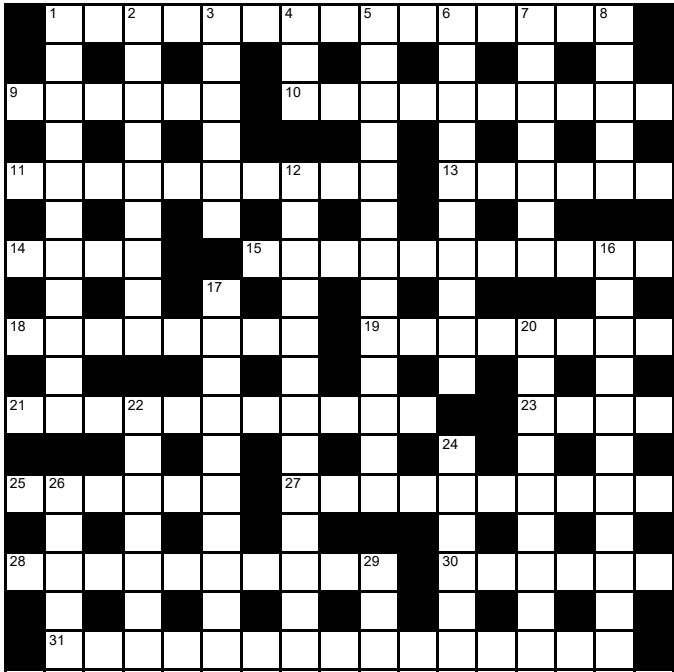
POLYMATH 1,338 by HAMILTON

ACROSS

- 1** The real name of M as played by Judi Dench in the James Bond film series (6,9)
9 Flowering annual also known as German knotweed (6)
10 Wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia, famed for her legendary horseback exploit (4,6)
11 Nicknamed ‘cast iron plant’, it was very popular with Victorians (10)
13 See 28
14 1958 musical which won all nine of its Oscar nominations (4)
15 Round woollen or cloth cap with a bobble in the centre (3-1-7)
18 Fishes for eels by pushing hooks into holes where they hide (8)
19 Nasa astronaut, the fourth person to walk on the Moon (4,4)
21 British heavyweight boxer who challenged Muhammad Ali for the world title in 1966 (5,6)
23 A distinctive quality, style or tendency (4)
25 Informal term in the US meaning excellent (4-2)
27 Payment made in respect of educational provision (7,3)
28/13 Savoury anchovy paste (10,6)
30/2 Female assistants to a queen or princess (6-2-7)
31 An emergency plane landing where the undercarriage is still retracted (7,8)

DOWN

- 1** A state of possessing all knowledge (11)
2 See 30
3 Ornamented by having decorative material embedded, flush with the surface (6)
4 One thousandth of an inch (3)
5 The first person to be awarded a perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics (5,8)
6 A nominal leader with no real power (10)
7 In ancient Greek literature, the spirit-image of a person, alive or dead (7)
8 Swiss town where world leaders congregate each year (5)
12 Establishment also known as a ‘greasy spoon’ (9,4)
16 Obfuscation, equivocation (11)
17 Order of insects known as stoneflies (10)
20 Hertfordshire location of Airfield Studios (9)
22 In keeping with trendy opinions and values (5-2)
24 Scottish word meaning shrivelled or pinched with cold (6)
26 In a mess or piled up untidily (5)
29 Belgian city renowned for its natural mineral springs (3)



Solution 1,337

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