## Polymath 681 Set by Sleuth

## ACROSS

1 A mixture of aluminium powder with metal oxide used in heating and welding (7)
5 Slang term for a flag flown by British merchant ships $(3,6)$
10 Type of Jamaican music similar to reggae (3)
11 A British World War II aircraft for towing targets $(5,8)$
12 A ballet posture in which one leg is stretched out backwards parallel with the ground and the body is bent forward from the hips (9)
13 Gifted weaver who offended Athena by claiming her work was superior to that of the goddess (7)
15 Arc of bright spots as the moon grazes by the sun during a solar eclipse (6,5)
17 Charles, actor who played Lord Stockbridge in Gosford Park (5)
18 A small South African antelope (8
20 The turning aside of a blow or thrust, eg with a sword (8)
23 Spirit in The Tempest (5)
24 He played the lead role in American Gigolo (1980) (7,4)
26 A novel by Benjamin Disraeli (7)
27 ---------- pinscher, a large, muscular breed of terrier (9)
29 Sculptor who created the heads at Mount Rushmore (6,7)
31 A disruptive adolescent (3)
32 European butterfly with distinctive colouring near edge of the forewing (6-3)
33 A short pointed beard (7)

## DOWN

1 A fast day in the Jewish calendar to commemorate the destruction of the temples in Jerusalem $(6,3)$
2 Actress who starred in North By Northwest (1959) $(3,5,5)$
3 Foolish ceremonial (7)
4 A form of divorce under Islamic law (5)
5 An apologue about happiness by Samuel Johnson (8)
6 Site in India of the Dalai Lama's headquarters (11)
7 Term for a foreigner in Transvaal or the Orange Free State (9)
8 Lower boundary of the front wall on a squash court (3)
9 A Ukrainian inhabiting both sides of the Carpathian Mountains (7)
14 French football administrator who largely created the European Championships $(5,8)$
16 Melted cheese on toast with a poached egg on top (4,7)
19 A cut-off loop of a river replenished only by floods (9)
21 Gordon, opening batsman for Hampshire and the West Indies (9)
22 A flavoured sweet (4,4)
23 A musical term for lively (7)
25 The hard inner wood of a tree (7)
28 Sergei, Soviet basketballer who won one gold and three bronze Olympic medals (5)
30 It's termed Rosy Lee in Cockney slang (3)


The first correct entry drawn on Wednesday November 7 wins a Cross Edge pen. Entries, using the form below, should be addressed to Polymath No 681, Weekend FT, One Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. The solution and winner's name will be published on Saturday November 10.

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