## Polymath 969 Set by Pedrock

## ACROSS

1 Interlacement with one or two loops (7)
5 Alternative word for undesirable common people (5-4)
10 Goal scored for one's opponents (3)
11 Borough of north-east
Greater London $(7,6)$
12 Infectious disease affecting dogs (9)
13 Urban -------, clearing of slums etc (7)
15 Of makers of clocks (11)
17 River in north-west Germany
flowing into North Sea at Bremerhaven (5)
18 Town in Berkshire east of Newbury (8)
20 Prickly-leafed plant (8)
23 Leaf chewed in the east (5)
24 Very thing that is wanted $(4,7)$
26 Ralph Waldo, US poet (7)
27 Deficiency of one or more types of blood cell (9)
29 Thoroughfare in Soho near Leicester Square $(7,6)$
31 International road transport system (1,1,1)
32 Linked trailers towed by a truck in Australia $(4,5)$
33 Bank behind trench or other fortification (7)

## DOWN

1 Of the eyes, inflamed and red (9)
2 Royal residence in Berkshire $(7,6)$
3 Roosevelt's policies for prosperity and social improvement between 1933 and 1940 ( 3,4 )
4 Single showy bell-shaped spring flower (5)
5 Shortened word meaning noises interfering with radio reception (8)
6 International yachting regatta (8,3)
7 Forever into the future $(4,3,2)$
8 Slang for a saxophone or guitar (3)
9 One who repairs the lining of a furnace (7)
14 Football team based in the East End of London $(4,3,6)$
16 Detached area off Morocco $(4,7)$
19 Composite plant, Tussilago farfara (9)
21 Aromatic deciduous lauraceous tree (9)
22 Title of earldom taken by Harold Macmillan (8)
23 Either of two conflicts 18801881 or 1899-1902 $(4,3)$
25 Ruler of the Olympian gods (7)

28 Silly contemptible person (5)
30 Colourful patterned Scandinavian knotted-pile rug (3)
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