

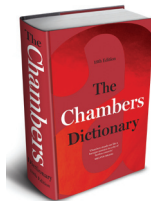
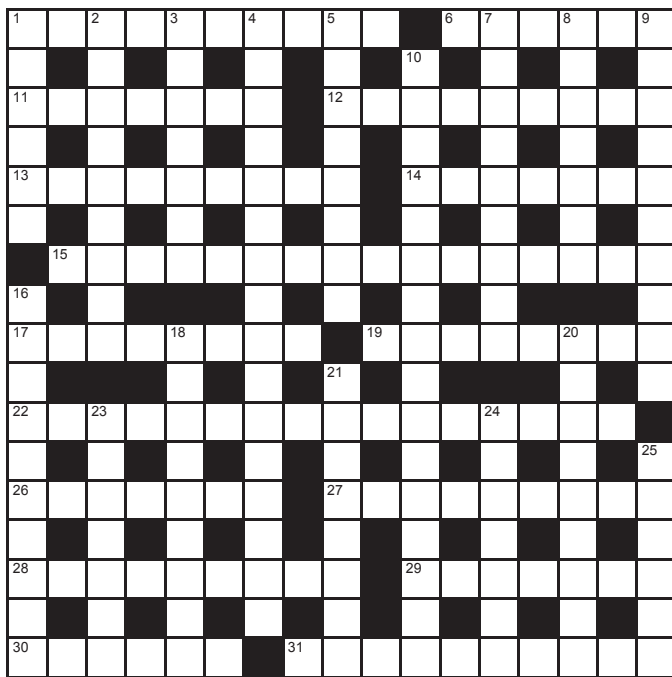
# Polymath 972 Set by Aardvark

## ACROSS

- 1 Children's comic strip character, first published in 1920 (6,4)
- 6 Relating to, containing or affecting blood (6)
- 11 State in northeast India, capital Imphal (7)
- 12 Shallow rift lake in the Colorado Desert (6,3)
- 13 1925 silent drama film starring Corinne Griffith (9)
- 14 Highly seasoned Spanish pork sausage (7)
- 15 Short sensational story or novel (8,8)
- 17 Epithet given to King Edmund II of England (8)
- 19 Danish chemist, 1868-1939, who devised the pH scale (8)
- 22 Long-standing BBC radio panel game (5,7,4)
- 26 Coarse linen cloth originally produced in Brittany (7)
- 27 Comedy writing partner of Alan Simpson (3,6)
- 28 Rapidly executed series of musical notes (9)
- 29 Thin cornmeal flatbread, an early US staple (3-4)
- 30 Historically, a Celtic chief's heir elect (6)
- 31 Punk rock band who recorded the single "Pretty Vacant" (3,7)

## DOWN

- 1 US arbour or open porch, typically roofed (6)
- 2 1883 children's novel by Carlo Collodi (9)
- 3 Italian High Renaissance painter and architect (7)
- 4 German football club, home ground Westfalenstadion (8,8)
- 5 In medicine, to wipe, cleanse, purge (8)
- 7 To cut off of the last sound or syllable of a word (9)
- 8 Breed of powerful smooth-coated working dog (7)
- 9 1972 western film directed by Michael Winner (6,4)
- 10 Novel by Charles Dickens, main character Nell Trent (3,9,4)
- 16 Very small, one- or two-seater aircraft (10)
- 18 Lung disease caused by breathing in metal particles (9)
- 20 Walled port city in north-west France (5-4)
- 21 Mechanical tissue in plants (8)
- 23 The act of anointing with oil in sacramental ceremonies (7)
- 24 Common name for the Religious Society of Friends (7)
- 25 Co-author of The Communist Manifesto with Karl Marx (6)



## Solution Polymath 970



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