## Polymath 899 Set by Armonie

## ACROSS

1 Large metal gong used in an orchestra (3-3)
5 Tragedy in five acts by Racine (10)
10 Native American preparation of pounded dried meat (8)
11 English painter known for
his animal subjects, d. 1873 (8)

12 Bishop generally credited as the first Christian missionary to Scotland (6)
13 British scientific writer, d.1872, who had an Oxford college named after her (10)
14 The first month in the French Revolutionary calendar (11)
15 Roman senator who wrote an account of the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD (5)
17 Members of the police flying squad (informal) (7)
19 Another name for Sirius (3,4)
22 That is to say (Latin) $(2,3)$
23 Surname of two brothers who pioneered hot-air ballooning from 1782 onwards (11)
26 State capital of West Virginia (10)

27 A stage of the life cycle of jellyfish (6)
28 King of Numidia executed in Rome in 104 BC (8)
29 General commanding Carthaginian forces in the Second Punic War (8) 30 Occurring once a week (10) 31 Longest of the rivers that give Punjab its name (6)

## DOWN

2 A north-west Atlantic fish of the herring family (7)
31861 Christmas story by Charles Dickens $(3,8,6)$
4 The ratio of the speed of a moving body to that of sound $(4,6)$
5 City near the site of the battles of Bull Run 1861/62 (8)

6 Structure at the end of a chromosome protecting it against decay (8)
7 Burlesque in song and dance in one act by Stravinsky, premiered in 1922 (6)
8 Another name for the Campbellites ( $9,2,6$ )
9 Nazi concentration camp in Poland in the second world war (9)
16 Assyrian general decapitated by the biblical heroine Judith (10)

18 English writer and creator of Bertie Wooster (9)
20 City at the northern end of the Suez Canal ( 4,4 )
21 Pseudonym of Marie-Henri Beyle (8)
24 One of the three Gorgons of Greek mythology (7)
25 The roof of the midbrain (6)



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