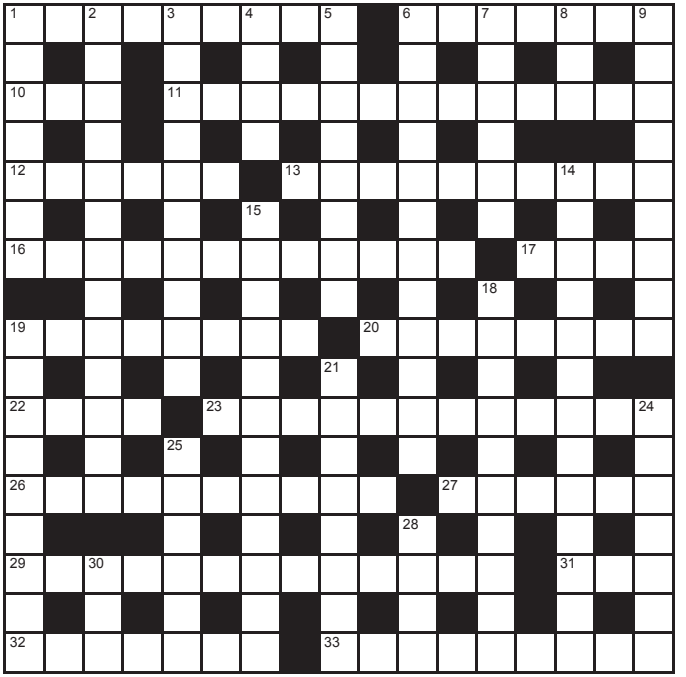
Polymath 846 Set by Falcon

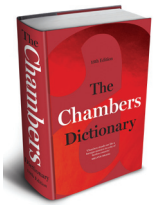
ACROSS

1 Character in Sir John Vanbrugh's play *The Confederacy* (9)
6 The reception-room of a spa (7)
10 Stiff bristle, especially one of those growing from the ear of barley and many grasses (3)
11 Novel by Elizabeth Gaskell (1855) (5,3,5)
12 John, political agitator and orator closely associated with the 1867 Reform Act (6)
13 One of the Spice Girls ("Baby Spice") (4,6)
16 American jazz tenor saxophonist (1923-90) (6,6)
17 In showjumping, a jump consisting of a brush fence with a guard rail on one or both sides (4)
19 Small passerine bird (*Calandrella raytal*) (4,4)
20 Johan, Norwegian composer (1840-1911) (8)
22 ---- smudge, Australian rhyming slang for a judge (4)
23 American actress who played Rosalind van Hoorn in the 1947 film *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (8,4)
26 The 34th president of the United States (10)
27 ----- Wingfield, character in the Tennessee Williams play *The Glass Menagerie* (6)
29 Day-flying mottled brown moth (6,7)
31 The interest on a loan that is paid to a moneylender (US slang) (3)
32 Racecourse in Berkshire (7)
33 A dietary fibre used as a food stabiliser and denture adhesive (9)

DOWN

1 Truck or trailer that has a body which is shaped like a platform or shallow box (7)
2 French composer, born in Romania, of Greek descent (1922-2001) (6,7)
3 Amilcare, Italian composer (1834-86) (10)
4 In Norse mythology, any of the three Fates: Urd, Verdande, and Skuld (4)
5 Citadel and palace in Granada, Spain, built for Moorish kings (8)
6 An evergreen climber (8,4)
7 A European evergreen shrub (6)
8 Small fish, native to Japan and the surrounding areas, known for the sweetness of its flesh (3)
9 Opera by Richard Wagner (9)
14 1951 musical film starring Esther Williams, Red Skelton, and Howard Keel (5,8)
15 American aeronautical engineer, born in Kiev (4,8)
18 ---------- ratio, the cross-ratio of four numbers, four points on a straight line or four lines in a pencil (10)
19 Comic book superhero (6-3)
21 Julio, Spanish singer; his son, Enrique (8)
24 The technical name for earache (7)
25 In a flattering style, eg of a person shown in a portrait (2,4)
28 Hans, German composer (1926-2007) (4)
30 The line from which the players shoot in marbles; a large marble (3)





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