

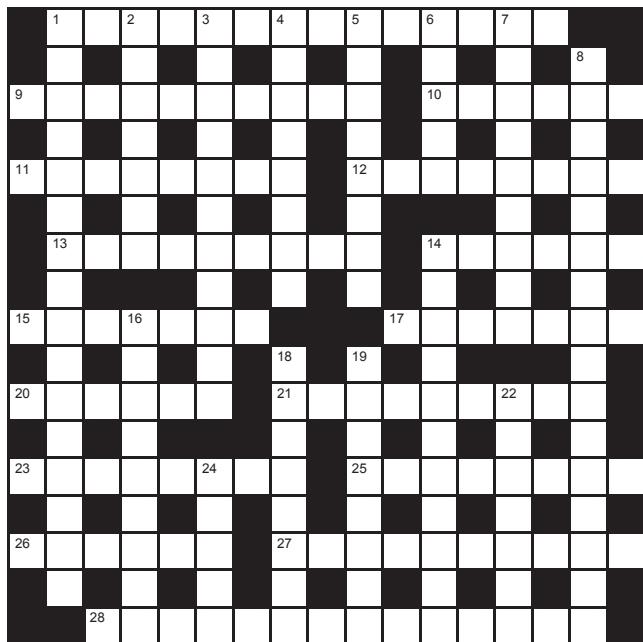
# Polymath 749 Set by Hamilton

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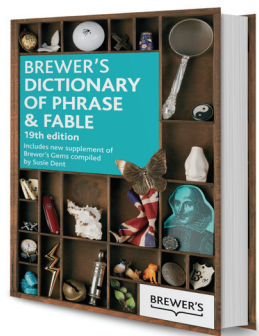
- 1 A ring-shaped anastomosis at the base of the brain (6,2,6)
- 9 Either of the vertical supports for each side of the bowsprit (10)
- 10 A cheap, sometimes fruit-flavoured, Indian cigarette (6)
- 11 Alphabet, derived from the Greek, now used primarily for Russian and Bulgarian (8)
- 12 A mild and creamy cheese from Italy (3,5)
- 13 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in south-east England (4,5)
- 14, 20 French automobile manufacturer founded in 1883 (2,4,6)
- 15 An ancient galley with three banks of oars (7)
- 17 A young male deer whose antlers have yet to branch (7)
- 20 See 14
- 21 John Waters 1988 film, adapted for the stage in 2002 (9)
- 23 Forename of the actor who played Dr "Bones" McCoy in *Star Trek* (8)
- 25 A blend of China tea with oil of bergamot (4,4)
- 26 Cargo thrown overboard to lighten a vessel (6)
- 27 A book of daily church lessons (10)
- 28 Large, heavy boots or shoes (6-8)

## DOWN

- 1 Device used to measure the temperature of a cooking sugar solution (5,11)
- 2 Indulging in horseplay (7)
- 3 Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, title characters in an 1868 novel (6,5)
- 4 *The -----*, a Nikolai Gogol short story (8)
- 5 An aircraft whose fuselage accommodates three rows of seats abreast (4-4)
- 6 Written defamation (5)
- 7 Relating to the island that gained independence from Denmark in 1944 (9)
- 8 Nathaniel West novel (4,12)
- 14 *Sultans of Swing* (1979) was their first hit (4,7)
- 16 Describing a nose that is turned up at the tip (9)
- 18 A tactful comment that is not strictly true (5,3)
- 19 A forerunner of, and an elaborate version of, a fugue (8)
- 22 An obsolete word meaning government (7)
- 24 Cornish word for a tourist (5)



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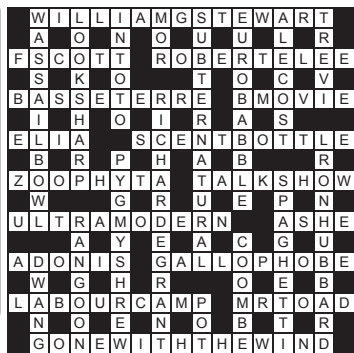


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