### Polymath 990 Set by Pedrock

#### ACROSS
1. Breaded veal cutlet (9)
6. Louis, 1872-1936, French aviator (7)
10. --- corda, musical term meaning one string (3)
11. Daughter of a British prime minister (5,8)
12. Enigmatic or inscrutable person (6)
13. Resinous substance used for closing letters or documents (7,3)
16. State that is dependent on another (12)
17. To do with animal life (4)
19. Group of five objects, one at each corner and one in the centre (8)
20. Figure formed of six straight lines (8)
22. Old runic letter comprising two vowels together (4)
23. Substance secreted by plants to protect surfaces from moisture loss (9,3)
26. Searching thoroughly and stealing (10)
27. One's calling or profession (6)
29. Australian cockatoo having white-and-pink plumage (5,8)
31. Polite form of address to a gentleman (3)
32. First Tanzanian president (7)
33. Village on the A47 near King's Lynn (4,5)

#### DOWN
1. West Indian tree with large pulpy fruit (7)
2. Of a ridiculously complicated contrivance (5-8)
3. Be luminous and glow with heat (10)
4. ---- Nelsova (1918-2002), Canadian cellist (4)
5. --------, il Penseroso ed il Moderato, dramatic oratorio by Handel (17)
6. Ecce homo, portrayal of Jesus crowned with thorns (John 19:5) (6,3,3)
7. Still in existence (6)
8. --- Dien, the Prince of Wales' motto (3)
9. Plant of the dandelion genus (9)
14. 28th president of the US (7,6)
15. Tool with a sharp blade for trimming (7,5)
18. -----------well-met, excessively friendly and familiar (4-6)
19. Worker in an open excavation (9)
21. Cloth bearing impression of the face of Jesus (8)
24. Of plants, having origins in dry habitats (7)
28. Short strap round hawk's leg (4)
29. --- Mercer, winner of 2,810 horse races between 1950 and 1985 (3)

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