Polymath 1,004 Set by Sleuth

ACROSS
1 American engineer and futurist who developed the geodesic dome (11,6)
10 French city on the Camargue plain where Vincent Van Gogh lived (5)
11 English Quaker leader and colonist (1644-1718) (7,4)
12 Sir William, Scottish shipping magnate who gave his name to Glasgow's art collection (7)
13 Mournful (9)
14 Rawhide thongs (5)
15 Small reddish-brown bat (11)
18 American lyricist who collaborated with the composer Frederick Loewe on the Broadway musicals My Fair Lady and Camelot (4,3,6)
21 He composed the oratorio The Creation first performed in 1798 (6,5)
22 A deputy for a doctor (5)
24 A white soluble crystalline solid used as fireproofing material and a mild antiseptic (5,4)
27 Walter, English painter and printmaker who was a member of the Camden Town Group (7)
28 A lepidopteran whose caterpillar has a spine on the lip of its shell (7,4)
29 A cloud of small falling drops (5)
30 Part of a hospital specialising in treatment of the critically ill (9,4,4)

DOWN
1 Malcolm, who wrote The History Man published in 1975 (8)
2 A unit of heat used to express the energy value of food (7)
3 A bed of edible shellfish (6-5)
4 Upright post at the end of a stair handrail (5)
5 The desire to cut a successful person down to size (4,5,8)
6 Indian dish of chopped cucumber in yoghurt (5)
7 A swampy pine forest (5)
8 American photographer who was married to the surrealist artist Roland Penrose (3,6)
9 A brief form of French poetry (8)
10 A ritual in honour of the gods in Hinduism (5)
11 Rick, English chef and restaurateur (5)
12 French tennis player and businessman nicknamed “The Crocodile” (4,7)
13 Genre of fictional narrative concerning the experiences of characters in situations where they cannot find any inherent purpose in life (9)
14 African country and former French colony on the Red Sea (8)
15 Bluish velvet quartz used as a gemstone (8)
16 A V-shaped band on a sleeve (7)
17 The visible part of a tooth (5)
18 An indistinct vowel sound (5)

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