ACROSS
1 Hosts and winners of the 1978 football World Cup (9)
6 Showing undue favouritism to one's relatives and friends (7)
10 Racehorse that won the 1959 Grand National (3)
11 Sir Edmund Hillary's companion when both reached the summit of Mount Everest in 1953 (7,6)
12 Language of Hungarians (6)
13 They study mountains (10)
16 French Impressionist landscape painter (1839-99) born to English parents who retained his English citizenship (6,6)
17 The Greek Muse of history (4)
19 Substance used as a rodenticide and medicinally as an anticoagulant (8)
20 With an alimentary canal (8)
22 Novel by Jane Austen published in three volumes in 1815 (4)
23 Shrub of the heath family with clusters of showy red, purple, pink or white flowers (12)
26 Cooked simply and garnished with fresh vegetables and herbs (5,5)
27 Play -----, to pretend to be dead or asleep in order to deceive an opponent (6)
29 US jazz pianist and bandleader (1899-1974) (4,9)
31 A flatfish (3)
32 A buff-coloured cotton cloth originally from China (7)
33 The evening primrose genus (9)

DOWN
1 Loss of the sense of smell (7)
2 US boxer who fought Muhammad Ali in “The Rumble In The Jungle” in Kinshasa in 1974 (6,7)
3 A hypnotic and tranquillising drug taken for the relief of insomnia (10)
4 Hebridean island, site of Saint Columba's monastery (4)
5 A beekeeper (8)
6 British classical violinist born in 1956 who has worked in jazz, klezmer and other genres (5,7)
7 Constellation known in US as Big Dipper (6)
8 A sheep in its second year (3)
9 An instrument for determining freezing points (9)
14 Novelist who won the 1981 Booker Prize with Midnight's Children (6,7)
15 Latvian-British philosopher and historian of ideas who wrote The Two Concepts of Liberty (6,6)
18 French politician and diplomat (1888-1979) regarded as the founder of the European Community (4,6)
19 German city, capital of state of Hesse (9)
21 A 1781 opera by Mozart (8)
24 African country, previously called German South West Africa (7)
25 In Greek mythology, goddess of the moon (6)
28 ---- crop, a short sleek female hairstyle (4)
30 A range of sight or knowledge (3)

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