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## ACROSS

- 1 A vocal performance without instrumental accompaniment (1,8)
- 6 Alfred , French artillery officer who was tried and convicted of treason in 1894 (7)
- 10 of Lovola, Spanish priest who founded the Society of
- Jesus (Jesuits) (8) 11 The sand and stone mixed with cement and water to
- make concrete (9) 12 and 14 Down 1928 animated black-and-white short film by

Walt Disney, featuring Mickey

- and Minnie Mouse (9,6) 13 The Taming Of The \_, comedy by William Shakespeare (5)
- 15 A member of an American Indian people of Yucatan. Belize and Guatemala (4)
- 16 The yellow or greenish fluid product of inflammation (3)
- 17 The number represented as one followed by twelve zeros: a million million (8)
- 18 A way out, such as a path (6) 21 A journal written online (4)
- 23 A fencing sword similar to the foil but with a larger guard (4)
- 25 A long, low, smooth-haired breed of hound with short strong legs and long ears (6) 27 South Asian republic known
- as Ceylon until 1972 (3,5) 28 In folklore, a small, manlike
- and mischievous being (3)
- 29 In the Old Testament, a Jewish priest of the 5th Century BC (4)
- 31 In printing, a print-out for the correction of errors (5)
- 32 An autonomous community of Spain on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic (9)
- 34 (Of weapons) made to be fired at a distant target (4-5)
- 35 Death and decay of tissue as the result of interrupted blood supply, disease or injury (8)
- 36 England cricketer who sported a large beard and made his Test debut in 1880 (1,1,5)
- 37 Judgments formally pronounced upon people convicted in criminal proceedings (9)

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- 2 Small hexagonal musical instruments of the reed organ family (11)
- 3 the Elder, Roman writer, the author of the encyclopedic Natural History (5)
- 4 The capital and largest city
- of Zambia (6) 5 The visible projection of the thyroid cartilage of the larvnx

at the front of the neck (4'1,5)

- 6 Short, stabbing weapons with pointed blades (7) 7 Cartoon character created
- by Hanna-Barbera, who lived in Jellystone Park (4,4)
- 8 People who habitually doubt the authenticity of accepted beliefs (8) 9 Assumptions, attitudes
- and notions held by one or more people (8)
- 14 See 12 Across
- 15 Large North American deer, with large flattened palmate antlers (5)
- 19 George \_, 20th-century US statistician who devised a
- self-named opinion poll (6) 20 Public school in Berkshire, founded in 1440 (4,7)
- 21 Nickname often used for the Yeomen of the Guard and the Yeomen Warders at
- the Tower of London (10) 22 Lake , the largest lake in
- Italy, fed by the Sarca River (5) 24 Short tunes played on brass instruments to
- announce events (8) 25 Andrew \_\_, the first British Prime Minister to have been born outside of the British
- Isles (5,3) 26 \_ Things, US sci-fi horror series starring Winona Ryder and Millie Bobby Brown (8)
- 28 The characteristic or intrinsic feature of a thing, which determines its identity (7)
- 30 Ronald . former actor who became the 40th President of the United States from 1981 to 1989 (6)
- 33 In fairy tales, a servant who appears by magic and fulfils a person's wishes (5)