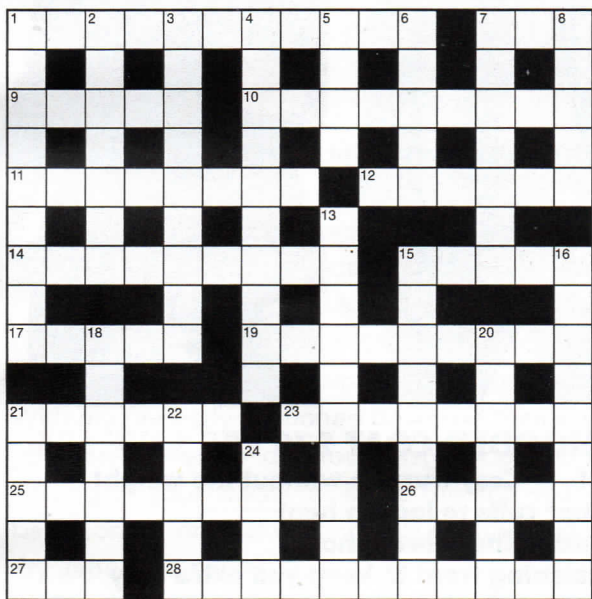


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## ACROSS

- 1** Wisely, shrewdly (11)  
**7** Initially, a computer connection port (3)  
**9** (and **8** down) ITV sitcom (1969-73) (2,3,5)  
**10** Removes (9)  
**11** Trips made by ships (8)  
**12** The refrain in a song (6)  
**14** The star of **9** across, **8** down (3,6)  
**15** Sick and tired (3,2)  
**17** Cricketers out without scoring (5)  
**19** Chilly, unfriendly (9)  
**21** Surname of **14** across's character in

- 9** across, **8** down (6)  
**23** Decisive boxing victory (8)  
**25** Objects relating to the US (9)  
**26** **5** down's sister in **9** across, **8** down (5)  
**27** City in Cambridgeshire (3)  
**28** Surpass all others – especially in stupidity or folly (4,3,4)

## DOWN

- 1** Type of event in which people raise money for charity (9)  
**2** Ex-England cricket captain (surname) (7)  
**3** Compounds, substances (9)  
**4** Insincere (10)  
**5** First name of **14** across's character in

- 9** across, **8** down (4)  
**6** Adolescence (5)  
**7** Pronounced (7)  
**8** See **9** across  
**13** A direct look between two people (3,7)  
**15** Prevent, deprive of (especially a mortgage) (9)  
**16** Type of plastic used for bags (9)  
**18** Tableware (7)  
**20** Japanese island, setting of a Second World War battle (3,4)  
**21** The inspector (surname) in **9** across, **8** down (5)  
**22** Decree (5)  
**24** First name of **5** down's partner (in crime) in **9** across, **8** down (4)

## SOLUTION TO NO 1,731

