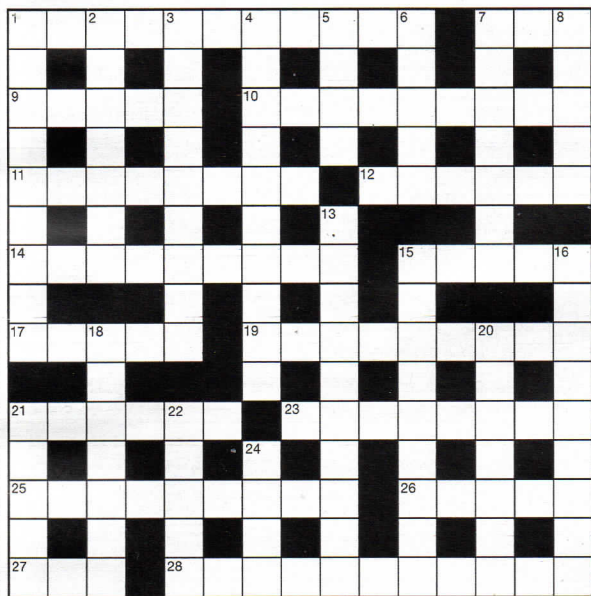


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## ACROSS

- 1 21 across** (surname) from  
**3 down** (11)  
**7 15 across**,  
**7 down** had one who was also a **21 across** (3)  
**9** Permit (5)  
**10** Material, body, stuff (9)  
**11** Ornamental chain worn around the wrist (8)  
**12** Very happy (6)  
**14** Type of painting depicting natural scenery (9)  
**15** (and **7 down**) The most famous **21 across** from **3 down** (5,7)  
**17** Ms Birdsong, a **21 across** from **3 down** (5)  
**19** If a **10 across**

- is this, it does not dissolve in a liquid (9)  
**21** Vocalist (6)  
**23** Slang term for a surgeon or doctor (8)  
**25** Bitters which are used as a flavouring in alcoholic drinks (9)  
**26** Dishonest person or a criminal (5)  
**27** Relatives (3)  
**28** Companies that sell cars (11)

## DOWN

- 1** Disorganised, chaotic (9)  
**2** Brush up on (7)  
**3** The most densely populated US state (3,6)  
**4** Methodical, organised (10)  
**5** Mediterranean

- island where Napoleon was exiled (4)  
**6** South African province (5)  
**7** See **15 across**  
**8** Daughter of one's brother or sister (5)  
**13** Reduce the intensity (of a crisis etc) (2-8)

- 15** Defenders in rugby or soccer (4-5)  
**16** Reminders (9)  
**18** A nine-sided geometric shape (7)  
**20 21 across** (surname) from **3 down** (3,4)  
**21** Remiss (5)  
**22** Soothed, alleviated (5)  
**24** Brass instrument of bass pitch (4)

## SOLUTION TO NO 1,741

