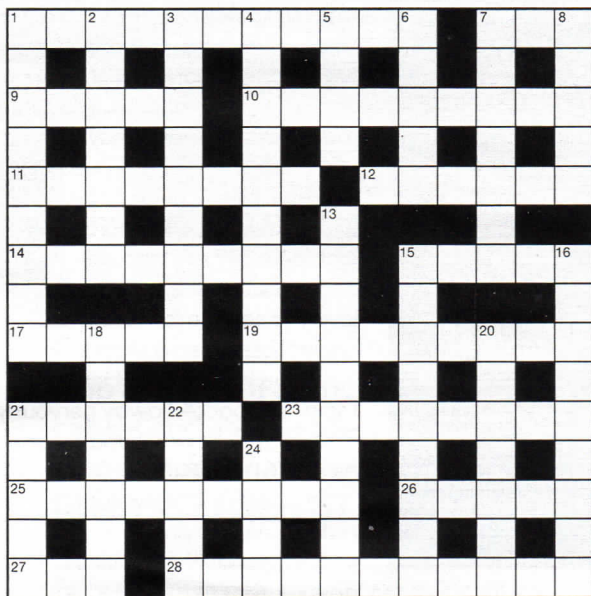


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## ACROSS

- 1** (and **10 across** and **11 across** and **21 across**) Proverb – originally by Alexander Pope – which suggests that there might be light at the end of the tunnel (4,7,7,2,3,5,6)  
**7** Resistance unit (3)  
**9** Moisten meat while cooking (5)  
**10** See **1 across**  
**11** See **1 across**  
**12** Maxims, sayings (6)  
**14** Predatory marine fish with strong teeth and a protruding lower jaw (9)  
**15** Stinging insects (5)  
**17** Bird welcome in golf (5)

- 19** Lousy, useless, inferior (5-4)  
**21** See **1 across**  
**23** Explosive invented by Alfred Nobel (8)  
**25** To sing without instruments (1,8)  
**26** Site in Texas of a siege by Mexicans in 1836 (5)  
**27** Indian state which was owned by the Portuguese until 1961 (3)  
**28** Relentless (11)

## DOWN

- 1** Fit to live in (9)  
**2** The father (surname) of bacteriology (7)  
**3** Conjecture (9)  
**4** Consider something or someone again (10)

- 5** Christmas (4)  
**6** Church council (5)  
**7** Compels (7)  
**8** Lists of foods and drinks in restaurants (5)  
**13** Novel by William Makepeace Thackeray (6,4)  
**15** Being fully

- conscious (4,5)  
**16** As proverbially found in cupboards and closets (9)  
**18** Caribbean island noted for its spices (7)  
**20** Shake up, stir (7)  
**21** Lord Melvyn or singer Billy (5)  
**22** Wonderful (5)  
**24** Stone fruit (4)

## SOLUTION TO NO 1,747

