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## **ACROSS**

- 1. Prego competitor
- 5. Church music provider
- 10. Angel's circlet
- 14. Gets older
- 15. Jack, to some card players
- 16. Not humid
- 17. Outrageous assault on a parent?
- 19. Requirement
- 20. Heroine of a Samuel Richardson novel
- 21. Give \_\_\_ take
- 23. Rigorous
- 24. Young female ne'erdo-well?
- 30. Picture
- 32. Table at the front of a church
- 33. Plentiful and disgusting royal offspring?
- 38. "It comes \_\_\_ surprise"
- 39. Free, as a drainpipe
- 40. Enter gradually
- 42. Polo shirt brand
- 43. Area given over to slimy gastropods?
- 47. Some conifers
- 49. Husbands of English countesses
- 50. Irreparable damage resulting from organized games?
- 52. Santa's helpers
- 57. IRS employee, often
- 58. Idle
- 59. Long story
- 62. Outrageous assault on a bereaved woman?
- 66. Effluvium
- 67. Complete
- 68. Trudge
- 69. Love too much
- 70. Eiects
- 71. Dupes

## DOWN

- 1. Highway entrance roads
- 2. Have \_\_\_\_ (try)
- 3. "Am I understood?" colloquially
- 4. Seat-finding theater employee
- 5. Soup vegetable
- 6. O.R. workers

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- 7. Guy's female counterpart
- 8. Actress Gardner's palindromic first name
- 9. Himalayan country
- 10. Grip symbolizing friendship or agreement
- 11. "You \_\_\_ the one!"
- 12. Utter an untruth
- 13. Strange
- 18. Weather phenomenon with a Spanish name
- 22. Intelligence org.
- 24. Fissure
- 25. Grocery chain
- 26. VCR button
- 27. On the ocean
- 28. Crazed
- 29. Lying face downwards
- 31. Emails, texts, smoke signals, notes in bottles, etc., abbr.
- 33. Clever sayings
- 34. Open, as a jacket
- 35. Ad prefix suggesting cheapness
- 36. Geriatrician's services

- 37. Dudley Do-Right's girlfriend, or Dickens's "little" heroine
- 41. Good things to have
- 44. Computer brand
- 45. Motorists' org.
- 46. Abbreviation on discounted clothing tags
- 48. Auto lubricant brand
- 51. Tended
- 53. Walks haltingly
- 54. "Tada!"
- 55. Prevent, legally
- 56. Plant beginnings
- 58. Nocturnal hooting birds
- 59. Landscape roll
- 60. Fuss
- 61. Understood
- 63. Note acknowledging indebtedness
- 64. Alcoholic's withdrawal symptoms, abbr.
- 65. Breakfast morsel