## brainteasers

#### Quickie

All the Runners and Riders: There were some horses and riders in a field, and I counted 78 legs and 35 heads. How many of each were there?

#### This Month's Prize Puzzle

This is not as difficult as it might at first appear, but should provide a diversion for an hour or so.

Four men, Alf, Bob, Colin and Dave, are married to Kath, Liz, Mary and Nell although not necessarily respectively. Each of these eight people purchase postage stamps - each buying as many stamps as the denomination of the

stamp in pence, and no person buying the same denomination as any other. Each husband spent exactly P more than his wife — P being less than £1.00. Colin spent 9p more than Nell, and Dave spent 23p more than Liz. Mary spent more than everyone else except her husband.

Who is married to whom?

Send your answer on a postcard, or on the back of an empty sealed envelope, to:

PCW Prize Puzzle - November 1998, P.O. Box 99,

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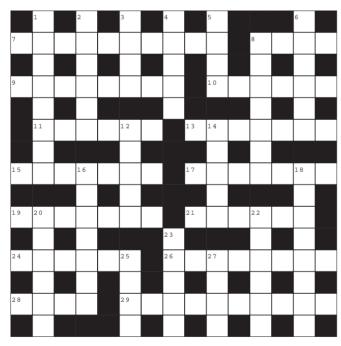
Entries should arrive no later than the 20th November 1998. Please do not send solutions on floppy disks, emails, or in envelopes.

#### Winner of August 1998 Prize Puzzle

Over 100 entries were received for our not-so-easy-as-it-first-appears logic problem. Most of you came up with the correct solution: Olive loved Ivor. The winning card came from Gordon Brindle of Witney, Oxfordshire. Congratulations, Gordon, your prize will be with you shortly. To the also-rans - keep trying, you could be the next winner.

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# e crossword



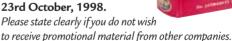
#### **ACROSS**

- William Gibson's nonphysical binary world
- Permanently resident operating firmware (4)
- 9 Single functional blocks of ciruitry (8)
- 10 CAD's D (6)
- 11 Audible mouse activities (6)
- Brings in data from 13 elsewhere (7)

- 15 Printer's roller (7)
- 17 The C of CPU (7)
- 19 The O of OCR (7)
- Like a network made to resemble the workings of the human brain (6)
- 24 See 10 across
- 26 Permanently present in the main memory (8)
- 28 Start it up (4)
- 29 Non-traditional AI way of representing thought (5, 5)

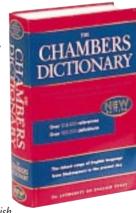
It's only words - and there are millions of them in the new Chambers Dictionary. Each month, one lucky PCW crossword entrant wins one. This time, it could be you. Send your completed crossword to "PCW November Prize Crossword", VNU House, 32-34 Broadwick Street, London W1A 2HG,

to arrive not later than



#### **DOWN**

- 1 Distantly (8)
- 2 Tedious task (6)
- 3 Counterfoil (4)
- 4 Mistreat (5)
- Minus (4) 5
- 6 Unit of current (6)
- 8 Most gloomy (7)
- 12 Exotic dance (5) 14 Female relative (5)
- 16 Three-pronged spear (7)
- 18 Ocean (8)
- 20 Keyboard instruments
- 22 Wild West shows (6)
- 23 Superficial scratch (5)
- 25 Secure (4)
- 27 Utters (4)



### October solutions

#### **ACROSS**

7 Icons 8 Chip 9 Open

- 11 Device 12 Read-only
- 13 Home 15 POP 16 Macro
- 19 Refresh 20 Corrupt
- 23 Basic 25 VGA 26 Font
- 28 Computer 30 Cursor
- 32 Band 33 DRam 34 Wafer

- 1 Ache 2 Engineer 3 Therapy 4 Spear 5 Toyota 6 Peel
- 10 Tempest 14 Opera
- 17 Ripen 18 Romance
- 21 Referral 22 Overeat
- 24 Impede 27 Study 29 Oval
- 31 Oven