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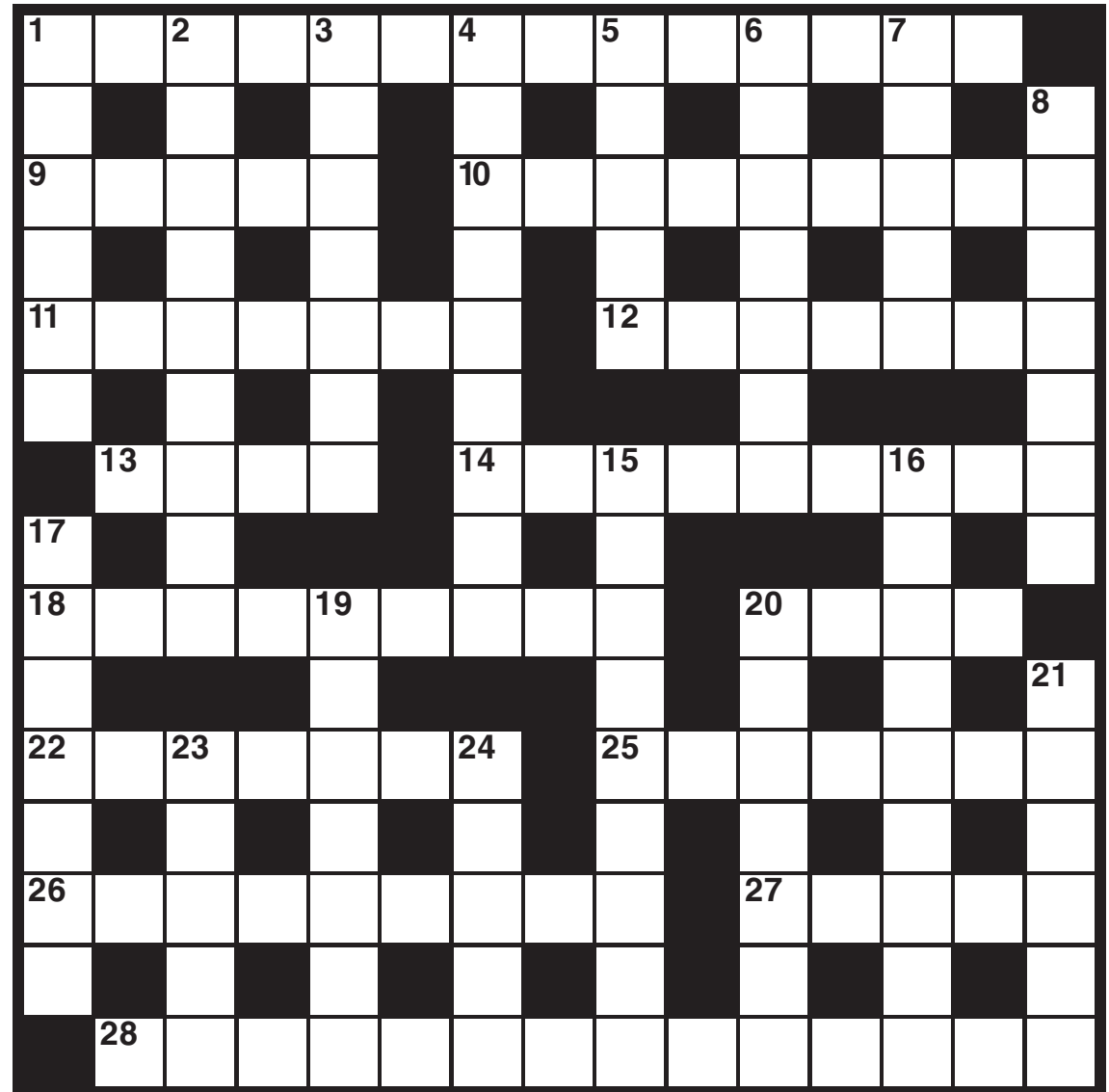
- 1 Fungus makes my mother so sour (6,8)
- 9 Nearly overlook fake (5)
- 10 Brief journey by air corridor, say, after drink (5-4)
- 11 Agree many are playing well (7)
- 12 Realist, when surreal, is more like the sea (7)
- 13 Extremely mediocre and simple (4)
- 14 Dog could be bored by German author (9)
- 18 Shadow to go on back of truck (9)
- 20 Account for cinema list (4)
- 22 Set lout about shops (7)
- 25 Tend to upward slope (7)
- 26 Reversed US edition processed (6,3)
- 27 Wild urge to swallow nothing but make-up (5)
- 28 Firework for great ruler to turn round (9,5)

DOWN

- 1 No longer skating to bureau (6)
- 2 Green site relocated in Africa, it's plain (9)
- 3 I witnessed said unpleasant sight (7)
- 4 Dame's aims to remove popular channels (4,5)
- 5 Notices container in ship (5)
- 6 Snake in old coach (7)
- 7 Some took a picture of the animal (5)
- 8 Managing to include fifty while getting broader (7)
- 15 Country house sport (9)
- 16 Free university in earliest shake-up (2,7)
- 17 One in America beyond another lost city (2,5)

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- 19 Extent of the Bard's output (7)
- 20 Second argument with group of rugby players (4,3)
- 21 Make disclosure about meat (6)
- 23 Complicated Ascot opera (5)
- 24 Scrub clean with acid round top of cistern (5)