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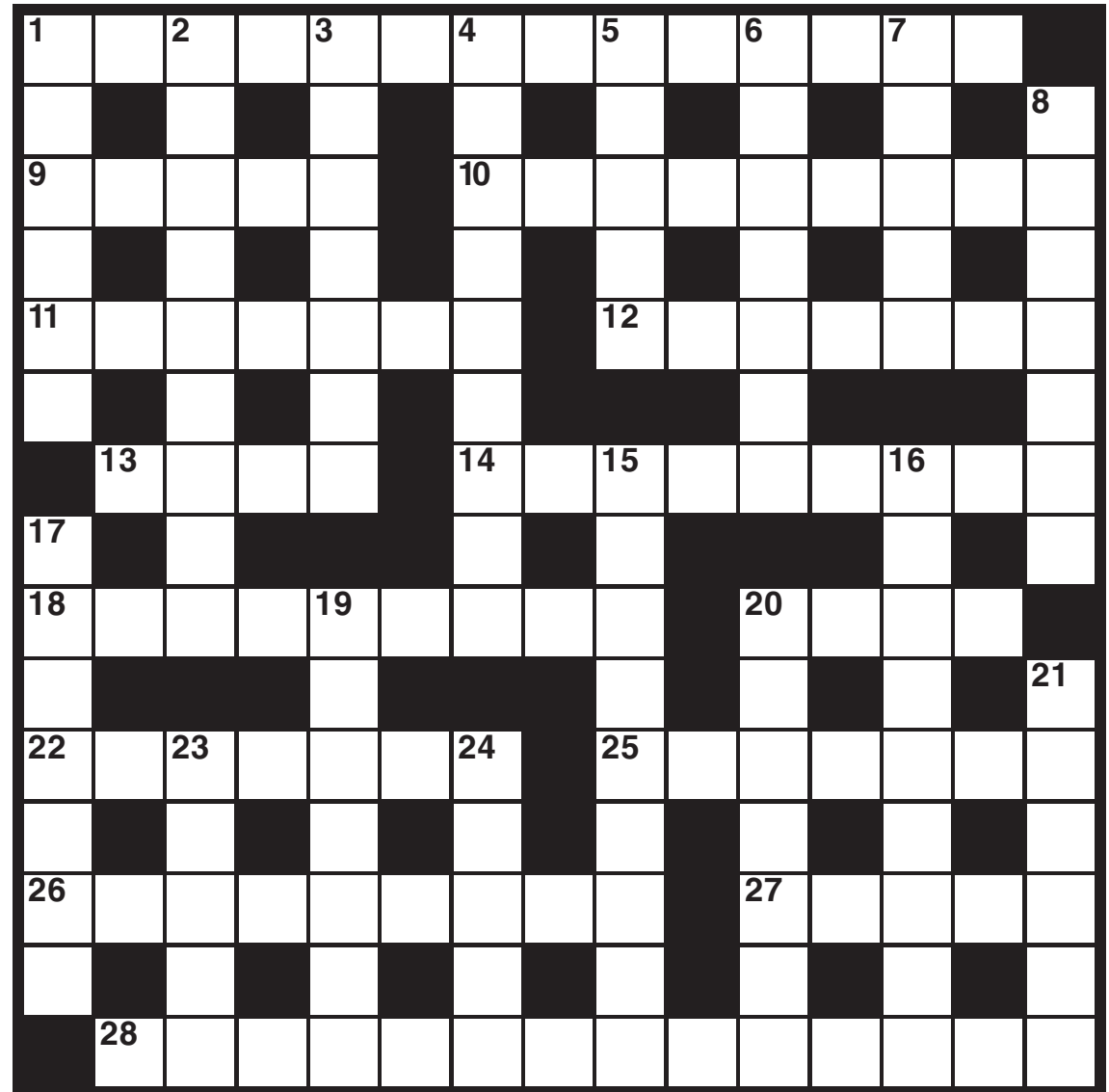
- 1 Gardening expert from Truro is cult hit (14)
- 9 Rum finally, and beers for the men (5)
- 10 I hope it'll improve flyer (9)
- 11 Good walker gets better (7)
- 12 Odd sort on odd platform (7)
- 13 Zero noise God created (4)
- 14 Self-restrained, but anger consumed afterwards? (9)
- 18 Bird with metal ridge (9)
- 20 Fat use modifying tango (4)
- 22 Dwell with first musician (7)
- 25 Sore back I have is wearing (7)
- 26 Steward seeing timpanist's limits in andante movement (9)
- 27 Sampled first of roughage in new diet (5)
- 28 Book garden bird and offspring on new course (8,6)

DOWN

- 1 Respect silver in house (6)
- 2 Eastern fashion in official list is one to look up to (4,5)
- 3 Slight shortage in hormone (7)
- 4 That woman in utter mess to echo former torch-bearer (9)
- 5 Roofer left during row (5)
- 6 Sharp reply regarding holding one group of letters (7)
- 7 Fly round left of the sun (5)
- 8 Baffled but got out (7)
- 15 Shabby in my French playhouse, right away (4-5)
- 16 Drinks served, if parties breaking up (9)

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- 17 Encourage chief boffin (7)
- 19 Wine from China – it being drunk (7)
- 20 Attacking player with small nose (7)
- 21 Provoke with a sharp instrument (6)
- 23 A proportion seen in collaboration (5)
- 24 Ducks broken slate (5)