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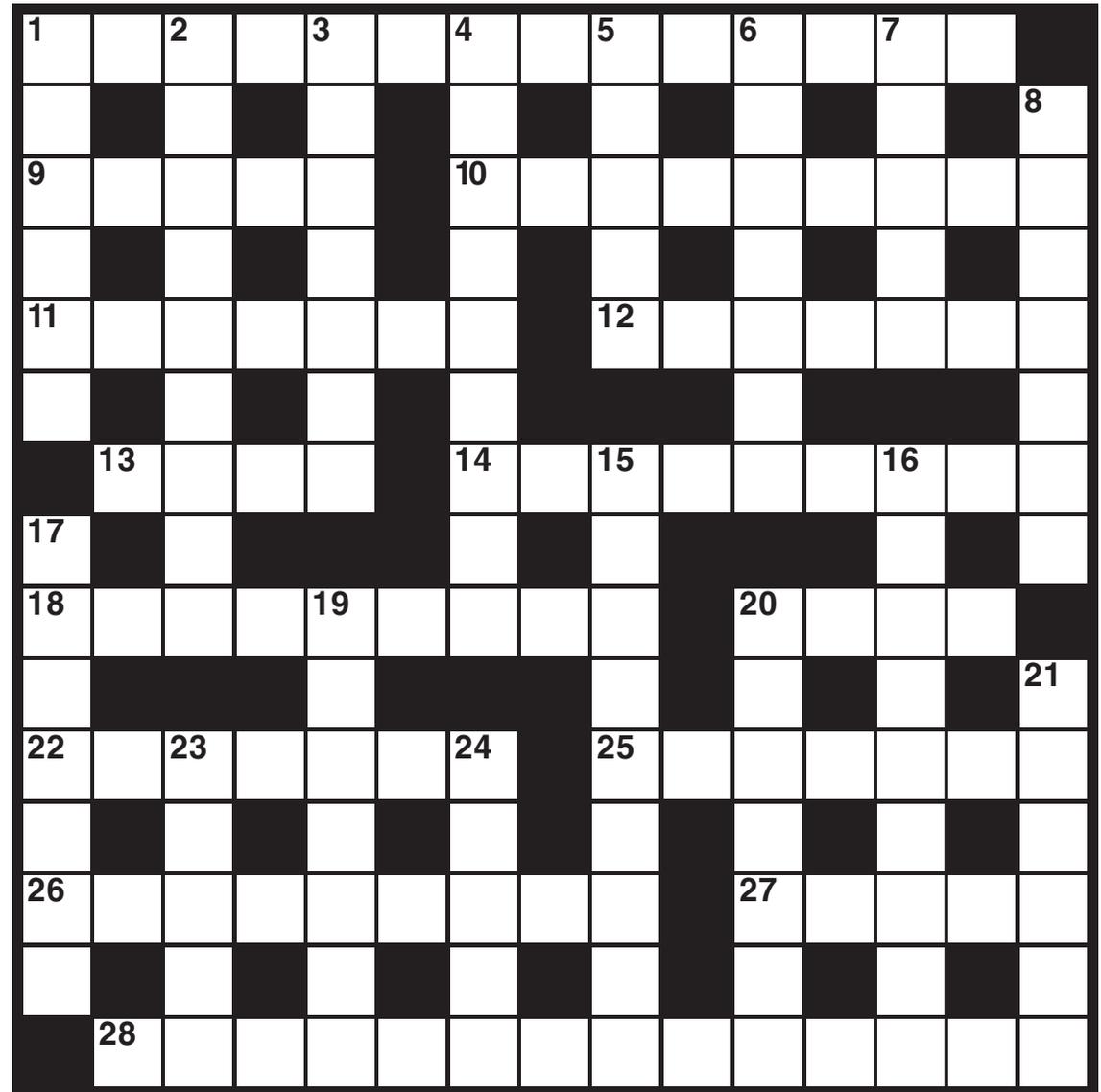
- 1 With boot I push Clara roughly – she has a fear of confined spaces (14)
- 9 Biscuit Earl regularly made cooler (5)
- 10 Bug plant, one with deep stirrings (9)
- 11 Old trumpet in carol arrangement (7)
- 12 Went fast carrying fuel, messed up (7)
- 13 Drop into disreputable bar (4)
- 14 How a vessel looks neat (9)
- 18 Writer on African river steamship, skint (9)
- 20 Blemish in his career (4)
- 22 Part with gold or silver, for example (7)
- 25 It's most orderly to dine in the home (7)
- 26 Perform at an opening in Asian seaport (9)
- 27 See bloodsucker in shelter by church (5)
- 28 Tiddler's tail we cleansed with purified liquid (9,5)

DOWN

- 1 Grasp part of foot after chisel drops inside (6)
- 2 Liveliness of a country I am in (9)
- 3 Sandier sort of fish (7)
- 4 I'm sincere about recall (9)
- 5 Flag supports from Eastern Europe (5)
- 6 New moon is orbiting top of Uranus – that's threatening (7)
- 7 One trade couldn't be better (5)
- 8 Tampers with the awards, it's said (7)
- 15 Nine cries – confused and hypocritical (9)
- 16 A foundation intended, reportedly, for lowering (9)
- 17 Calm down primate eating vegetables (7)

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- 19 At Nice dancing around ten? That's imprecise (7)
- 20 Fall for pig circling barrier (7)
- 21 Artist and arrow maker taking the floor (6)
- 23 Boredom that's rising, taking hold of troubled nun (5)
- 24 Square little loaf for goblin (5)