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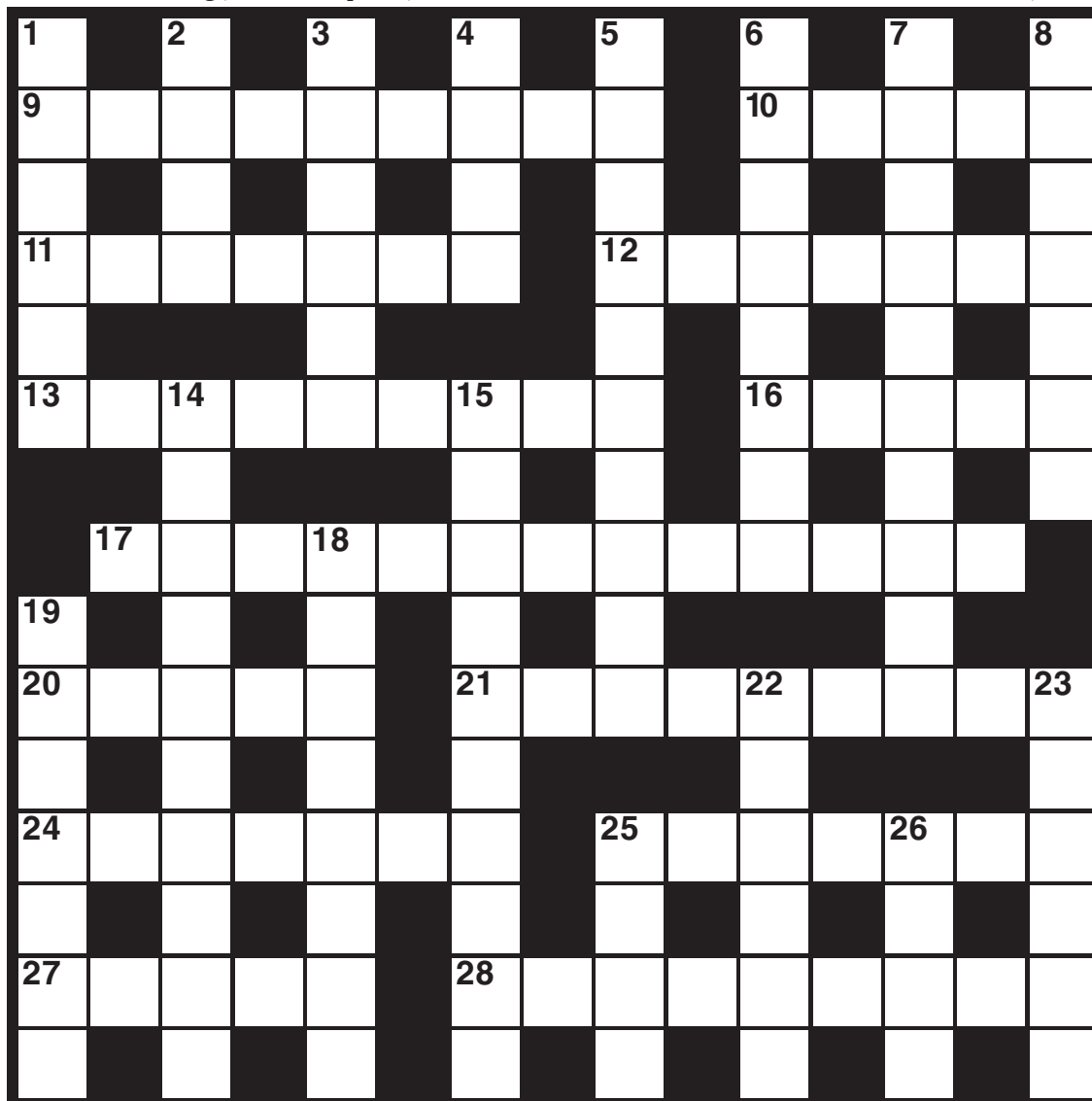
- 9 The garlic can make you sluggish (9)
 10 Enclosure for nation's leader in district (5)
 11 Dogs' teeth (7)
 12 Respond about two points and perform again (2-5)
 13 Went on and on after spades and clubs mixed up (9)
 16 Copper can interrupt (3,2)
 17 With plasticine she made Vatican church (7,6)
 20 Create makeshift boats from rafters with no hesitation (5)
 21 Begged attendee to develop resistance inside (9)
 24 A franc I exchange from Senegal? (7)
 25 Most flexible article in catalogue (7)
 27 Plans a side scuppered (5)
 28 It should be paid with interest (9)

DOWN

- 1 Obstructs athletes' starting devices (6)
 2 The way one in France will amaze (4)
 3 This much champagne sees mother adopting antelope (6)
 4 Urges, say, on banks of Ganges (4)
 5 Coward frightened by unknown animal (7-3)
 6 Glen new to US spies at Spanish city (8)
 7 Tempt Andre to overhaul section (10)
 8 Skill in tiny cocktail (7)
 14 Strengthened strap and strained it (10)
 15 Light talk on outstanding feature (7,3)
 18 Match box that creates a precedent? (4,4)

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- 19 Terrible actor, one approaching a European country (7)
 22 Stretch former nurse (6)
 23 Working out age when courting (6)
 25 Somewhat ill at ease, being behind schedule (4)
 26 Give out prison sentence that's turned up (4)