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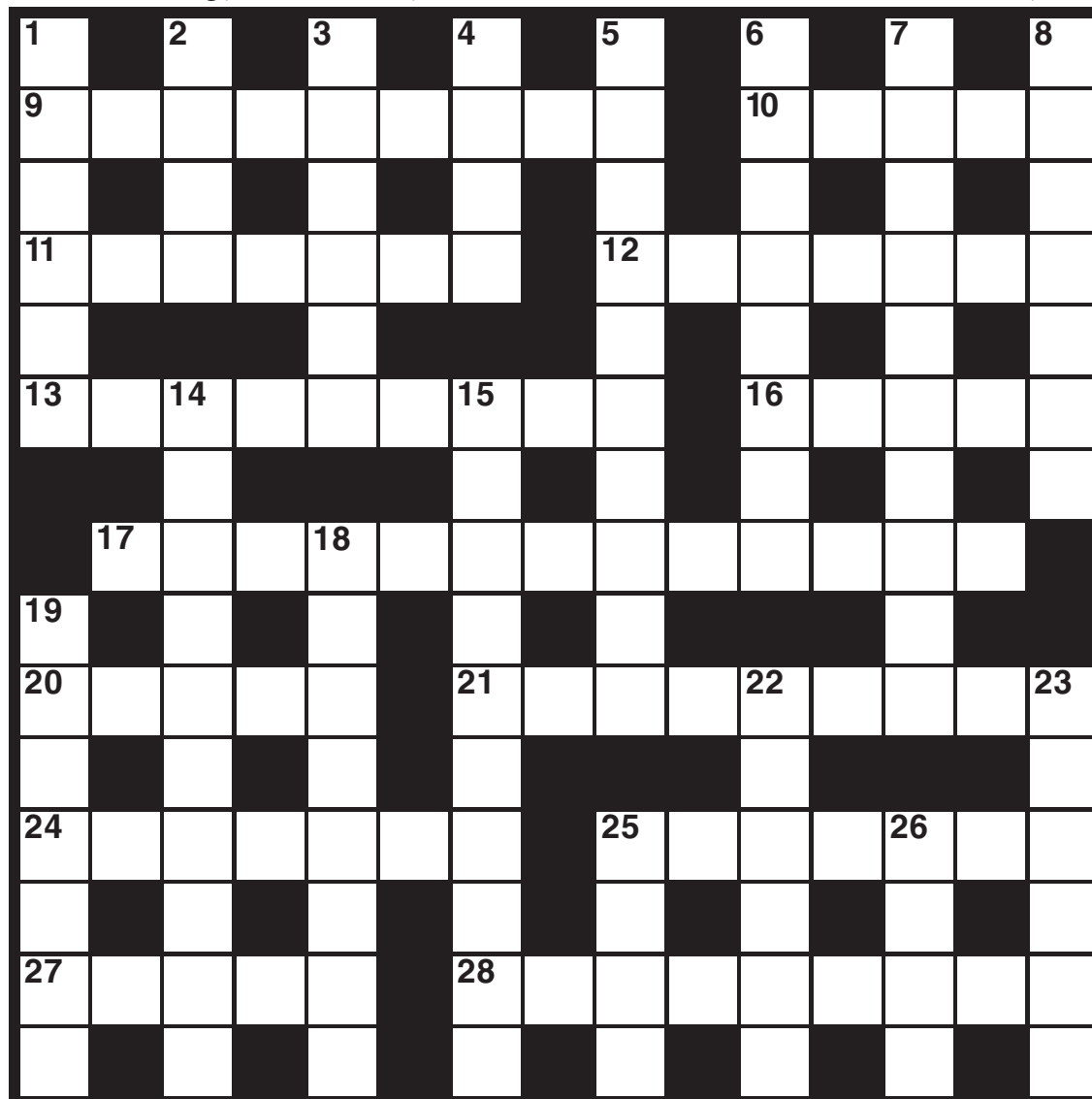
- 9 And not restricting novelist to mindless task (2-7)
 10 Silver article trendy once more (5)
 11 Assembles church service set in retreating ocean (7)
 12 Plant official to work out (7)
 13 Stops concealing fury and puts in peril (9)
 16 Mum embarrassed by tiny bit (5)
 17 Furtive Penny in trouser suit I adjusted (13)
 20 The man will have no word of greeting (5)
 21 Green seas can provide enthusiasm (9)
 24 Fiddles game (7)
 25 Journey to oil-producing city (7)
 27 One in feature creating din (5)
 28 Doing what you are told, ie once bed made (9)

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- 1 Insecure and broken fan? Sue! (6)
 2 Initially a bright graduate formed a group (4)
 3 Standard issue for minister (6)
 4 Burden down, cuts evenly (4)
 5 Objecting to professional carrying out an examination (10)
 6 Be pulled by speedboat – getting awfully wet, a risk (5-3)
 7 State capital of Oregon, but a bit off! (5,5)
 8 Take into account popular suggestion about daughter (7)
 14 Extra feature in Dublin Echo broadcast (6,4)
 15 Explicit, one on choice of words (10)
 18 Accessible once more, though no deeper, possibly (8)

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- 19 Rationing, where shilling going fast (7)
 22 It's partially dried and is put in water (6)
 23 Grinned at toboggan going round motorway (6)
 25 Next bit he nudged inside (4)
 26 Duck in park finally makes another animal sound (4)