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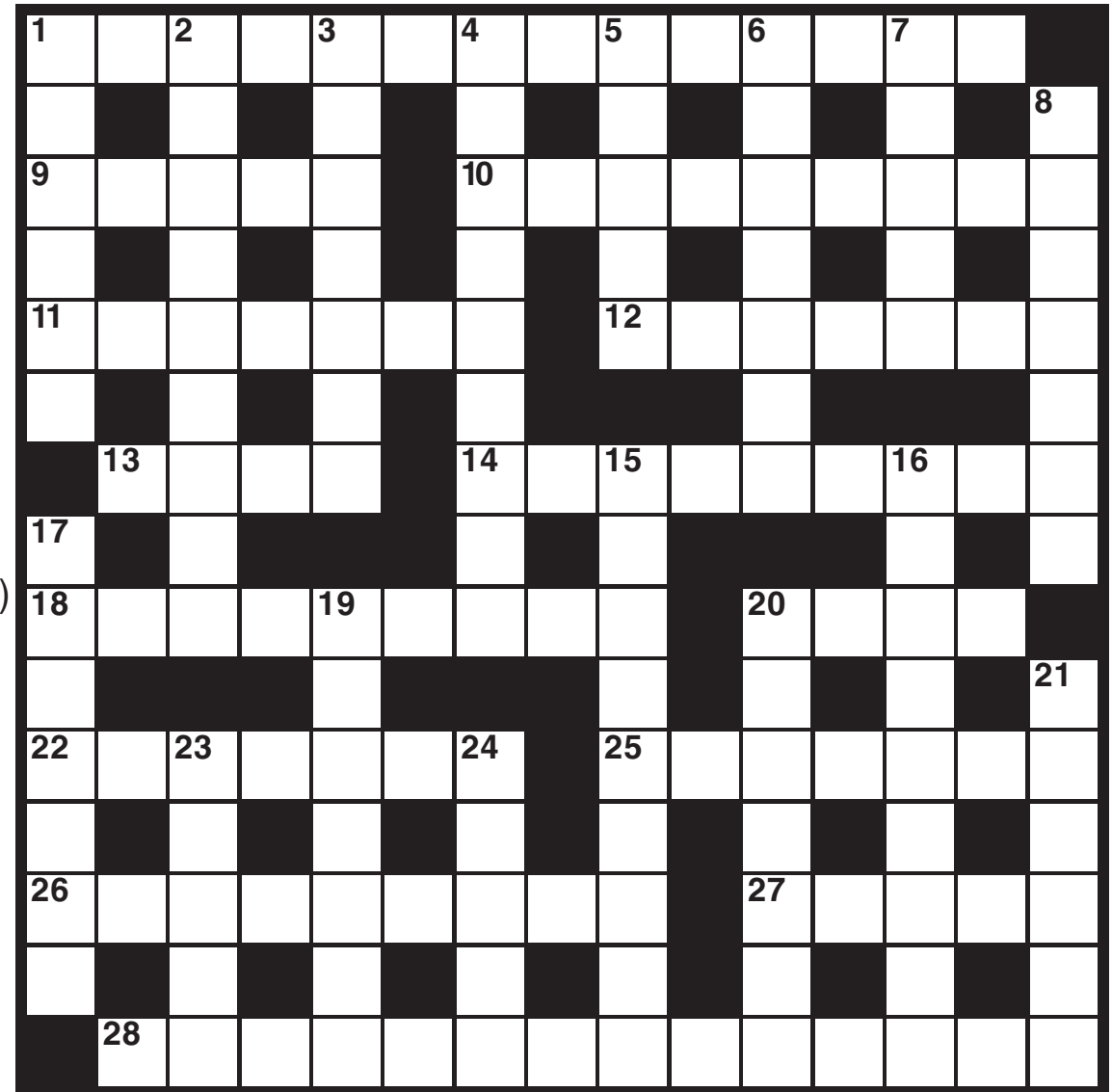
- 1 Fraudulently take from poor OAP? I'm a stripper! (14)
 9 Sportsperson managed risk around final fixture (5)
 10 Standard weight for paving (9)
 11 Smoker's aid easier to carry (7)
 12 Pride member charged particle, not as much outside (7)
 13 Avoid flesh, unless covered (4)
 14 Silent as Elsie's son can be (9)
 18 Stretched picnic? (9)
 20 Average man? (4)
 22 The Spanish European blocked heavy material (7)
 25 Understand how to become popular (5,2)
 26 Listen and learn, surprisingly, about European (4,2,3)
 27 Steals instruments by the sound of it (5)
 28 Article held by Skye boatmen moving similarly (2,3,4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Strength of seafood discussed aloud (6)
 2 Throws recently stolen catapult (9)
 3 A turnip is cooked by prude (7)
 4 First choice, not first testimonial (9)
 5 Fruit left with oyster's produce (5)
 6 Coastal batting support (7)
 7 Extrovert hoarding treasure (5)
 8 Carry on when agent upped relative time (7)
 15 Impropriety, maybe I'm crude? No (9)
 16 Toil behind land fortification (9)
 17 Boy has a throw backwards, getting fair draw (7)

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- 19 Just uttered a word of surprise on seeing Egyptian king (7)
 20 Memo from public school returning with permit (7)
 21 Point in wedding is togetherness (6)
 23 Outflank Yvonne inside who is awkwardly tall (5)
 24 Don't start to strain lock (5)