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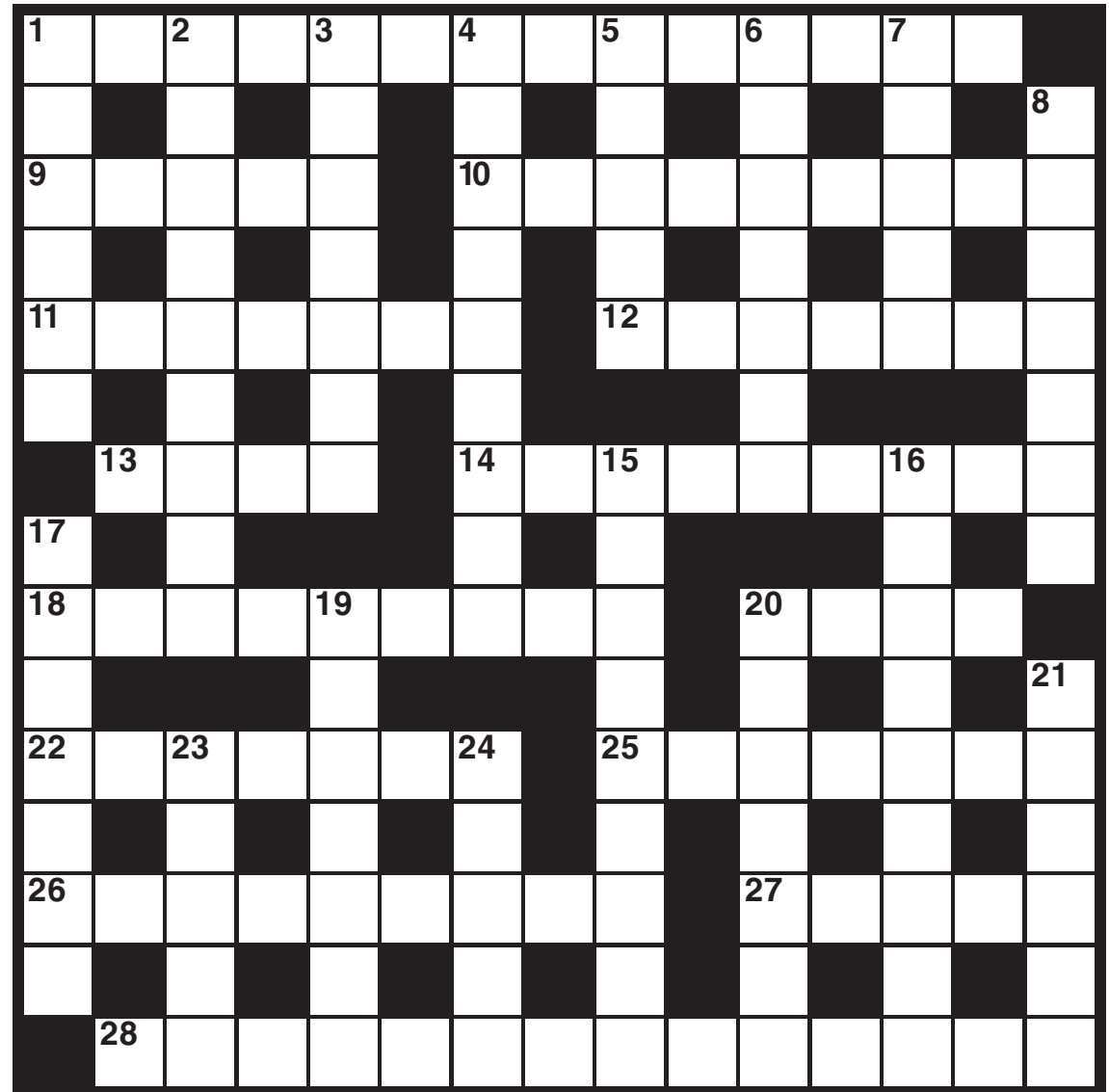
- 1 Unsure electorate all at sea? (8,6)
- 9 Periods of inactivity at signs in bars? (5)
- 10 One proposing to include cast-iron song (4,5)
- 11 During prayer, I'm showing pained expression (7)
- 12 Panto where a lot of noise follows boy (7)
- 13 Green content of rioja decanter (4)
- 14 Old boy's term for compulsive preoccupation (9)
- 18 Pay excessively to hang by some cricket game (9)
- 20 Somewhat indiscreet record (4)
- 22 Warm jackets? (7)
- 25 Field containing fruit or vegetable (7)
- 26 Clean ground or uncultivated area? (9)
- 27 Lament, for example, clear returned (5)
- 28 Drink ten with us, dream about French writer (9,5)

DOWN

- 1 Seek food for a long time (6)
- 2 Ten boats I rearranged, being stubborn (9)
- 3 After the cricket match, tucked in with a will (7)
- 4 Chart-topper for yours truly? (6,3)
- 5 Instrument that can be picked? (5)
- 6 Hardest sort of yarns (7)
- 7 Wandered and drove about (5)
- 8 Go fast through sharp sound when getting trim (7)
- 15 Or desired another accompanying dish (4,5)
- 16 Social media site confusing at margins (9)
- 17 Crow about doctor with empty talk (7)

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- 19 Look at Democrat go into the ring with case for sowing (7)
- 20 Action will involve detectives, it's agreed (7)
- 21 Snakes and ladders not started (6)
- 23 Strange pair left for a month (5)
- 24 Health resort in the country (5)