

**ACROSS**

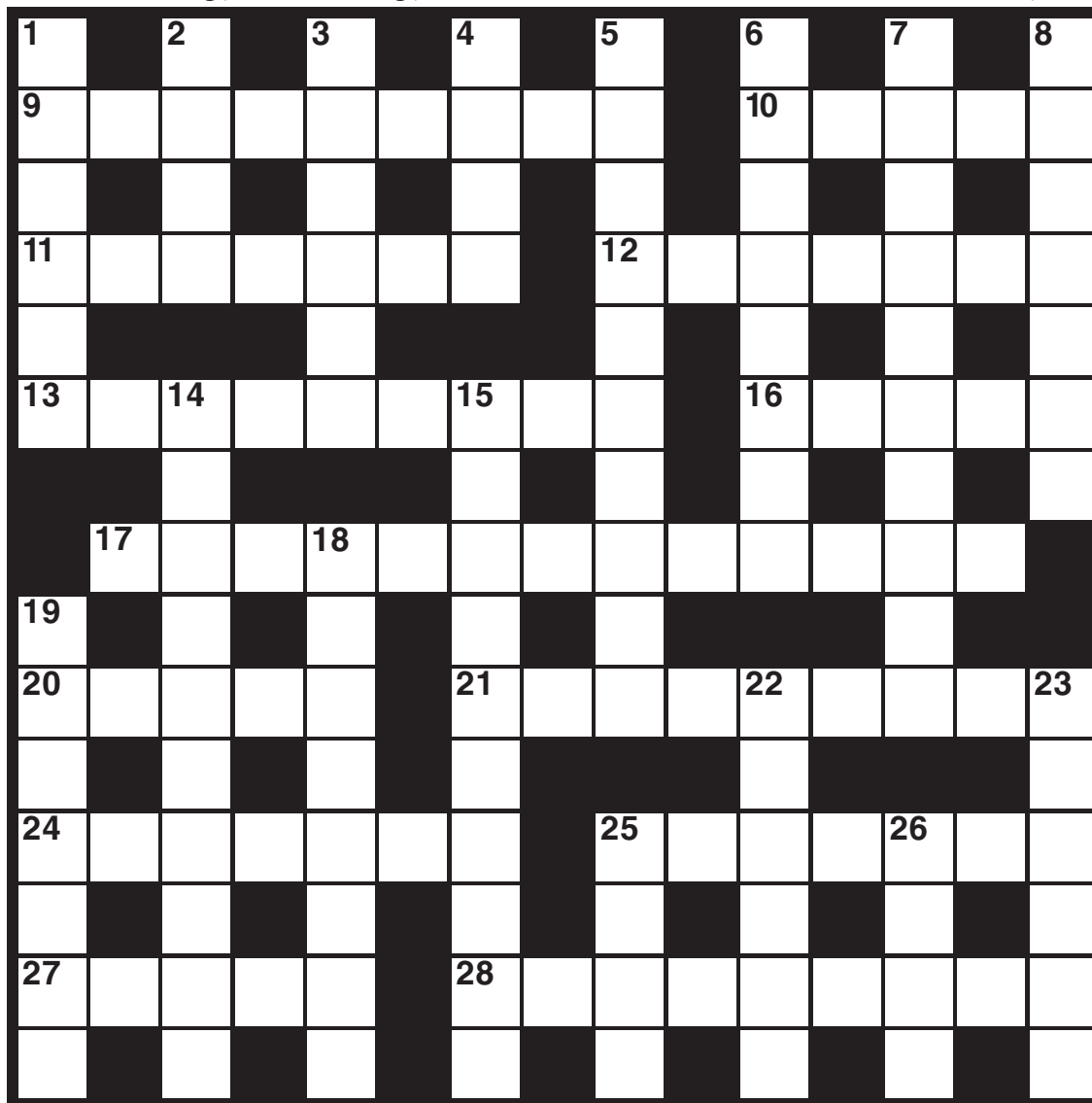
- 9 Note gradient on boy's mountains (9)  
 10 Smooth aircraft (5)  
 11 Mozart biopic gets top award, produced by America (7)  
 12 Holidaying subject to permission (2,5)  
 13 Goes to lay squares for entrance (9)  
 16 Lucky Charm's non-starter at racecourse (5)  
 17 Diverse article he read relieved tension (7,3,3)  
 20 Pass over penny to be frugal (5)  
 21 Trooped off with journalist when hit at sea (9)  
 24 Argued about installing political leader to raise rank (7)  
 25 Study showing South American country's a leader in liberty (7)  
 27 Pick out of the literati (5)  
 28 Certain it involved something complicated (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Appalled when silver hat's removed (6)  
 2 Somewhat sec, a vapid wine (4)  
 3 Increase collections, causes distress (6)  
 4 Amy's mashed the sweet potatoes (4)  
 5 Novel secrets kept in favour of writer (1,1,8)  
 6 Herb swallowing tablet needs leak (8)  
 7 Cherry develops no charisma (10)  
 8 Below a Scottish mountain, hate develops (7)  
 14 Bread in gin Penny swallowed, given kitchen utensil (7,3)  
 15 Intermixes compound if all else fails (2,8)  
 18 Begged father to return ring to Edward (8)

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- 19 Expects fool to lead injured emus (7)  
 22 I grew agitated holding a small insect (6)  
 23 Researched legal document about luncheon voucher (6)  
 25 Private secretary almost on the way (4)  
 26 Have influence on list (4)