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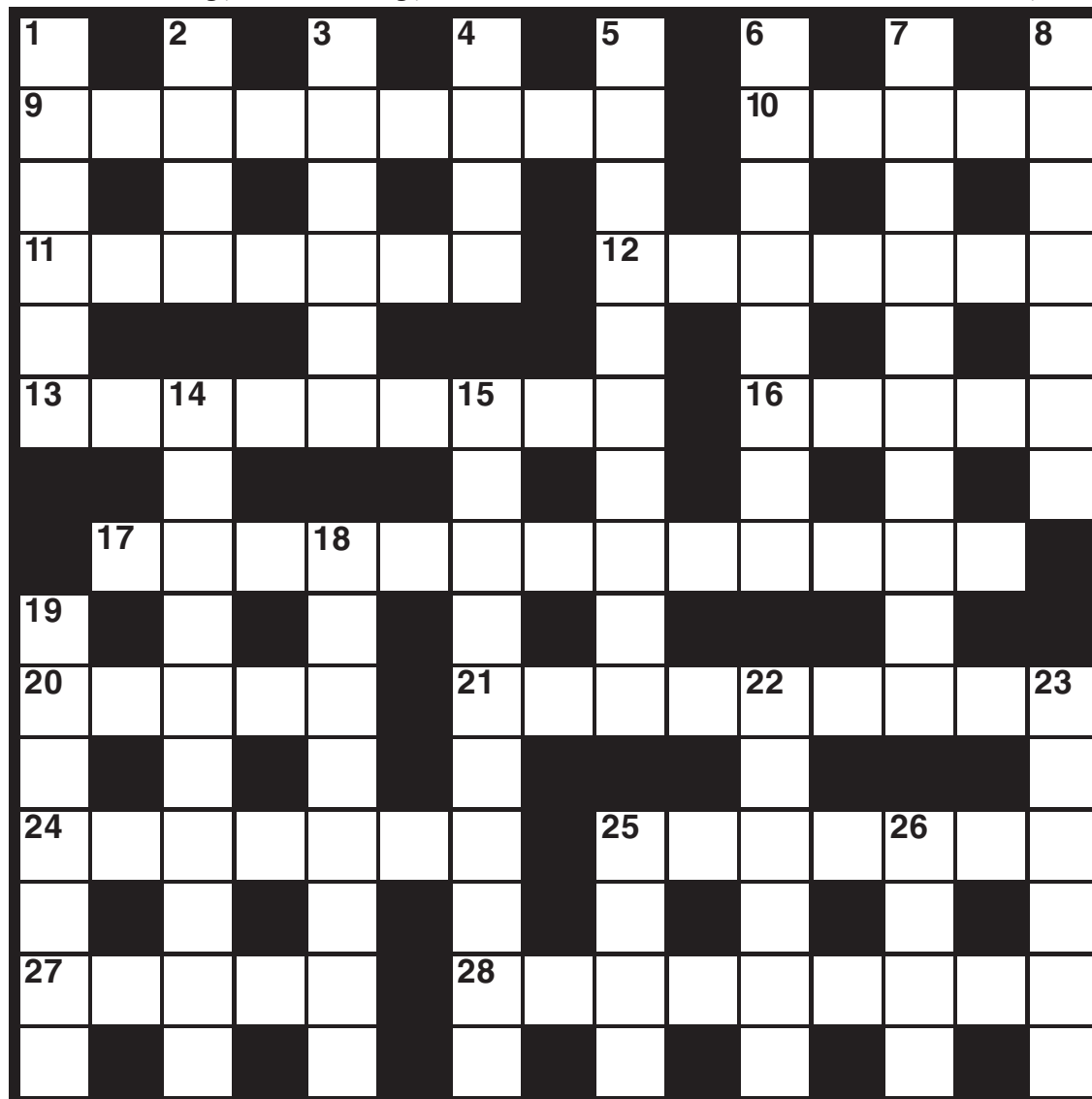
- 9 Invertebrate ruined the marrow (9)
 10 Belittle a foundation (5)
 11 Applause for novelty, despite having no pub! (7)
 12 Girl taking staple food is deadly sin (7)
 13 Eighty of our forces split! (9)
 16 Thick mass about mashed plum (5)
 17 Be easily hurt if knavish? He ain't worried (4,1,4,4)
 20 In rush, as terrifyingly urgent speed (5)
 21 A local set, strangely, gives an assignment (9)
 24 Tell fibs about drink being cordial (7)
 25 Golden colour from church room (7)
 27 Metal, for example, turning colour (5)
 28 Relate changes and German hugged just the same (9)

DOWN

- 1 Leave when six games cancelled? (3,3)
 2 Helping doctor catch whale (4)
 3 Charles going around in fetters (6)
 4 Behold, an advance! (4)
 5 I'm getting fabric that's not relevant (10)
 6 Rose heard going to American and Asian city (8)
 7 It's cranium trouble for the specialist on hand (10)
 8 Return of concert piece rarely involves acceptance (7)
 14 Modest and not taking things for granted (10)
 15 Revealed a rogue's position is disgraceful (10)
 18 Raised more than half the team before date changed (8)

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- 19 Has a natter about the foreign holiday homes (7)
 22 Said ran after when pure (6)
 23 Walk – on the way, travel (6)
 25 Duck inside animal fleece (4)
 26 Tree covering dog's cry (4)