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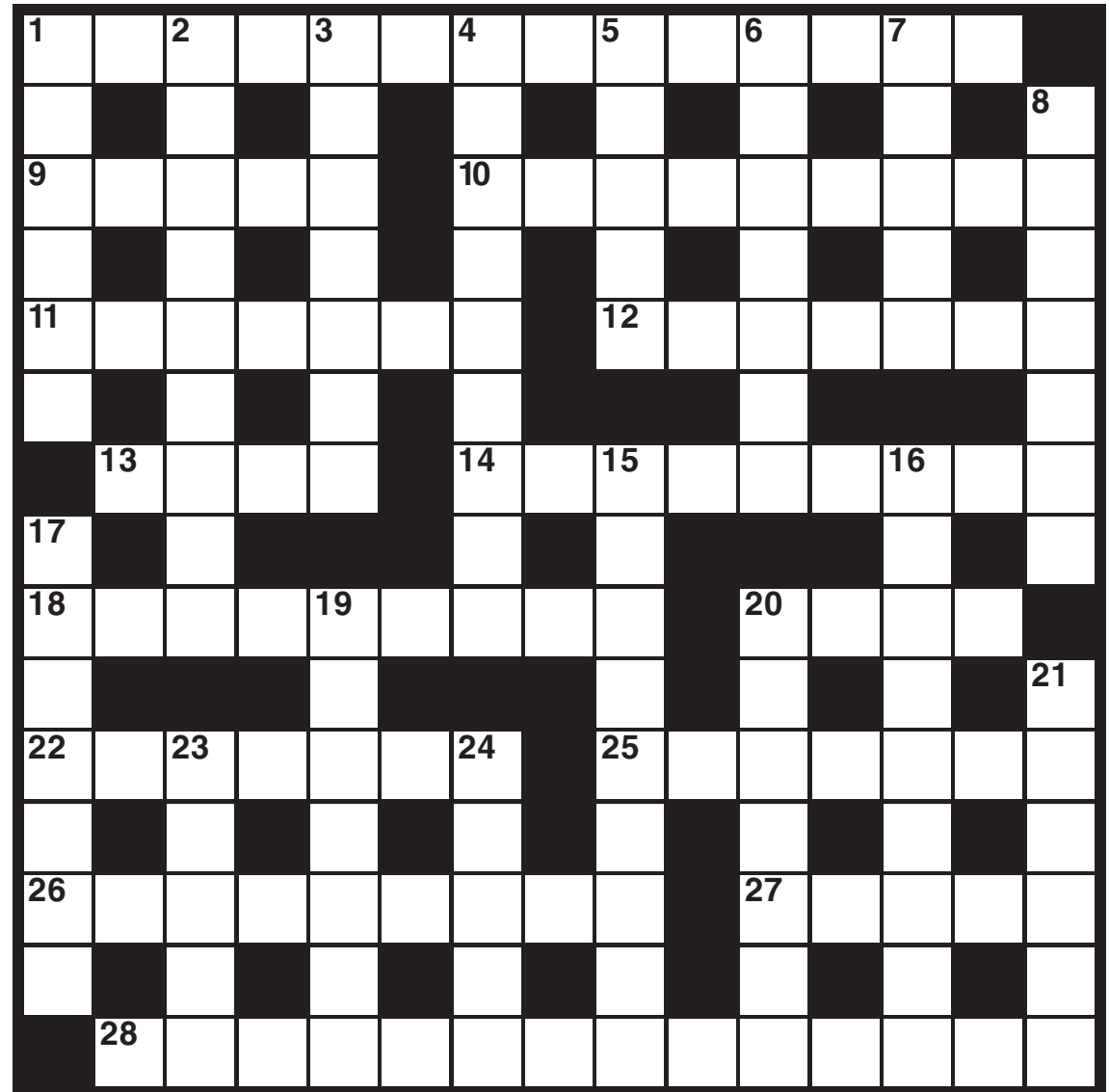
- 1 Welsh factories improved directly (2,3,4,5)
- 9 Crockery damage caused by French fries? (5)
- 10 Mostly popular officer (2,7)
- 11 Protects against loss at sunrise, maybe (7)
- 12 Break with son, milliner (7)
- 13 Strong anger reveals passion (4)
- 14 Warships lose a drifting lilo with animal (9)
- 18 Costing the earth? Just the opposite (4,5)
- 20 Shellfish immobiliser – no parking! (4)
- 22 Two boys go to a province (7)
- 25 Section of government – it leaked name (7)
- 26 Carefully assess bacterial disorder (9)
- 27 I hide novel, a classic one (5)
- 28 Nine, for example, when said aloud (6,2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Lorry cold inside – very cold place (6)
- 2 Remove shirt then row, wanting to drink more (9)
- 3 Set reel in motion at film studios (7)
- 4 Check condition and put back in office (9)
- 5 A long time after start of work, salary given (5)
- 6 Fat spread on any rope (7)
- 7 Wader is sorry about having no borders (5)
- 8 Family went round city with trumpet once (7)
- 15 Pale flame damaged national emblem (5,4)
- 16 At any rate, it's most foolish (9)
- 17 Go ahead and get a loan (7)

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- 19 Large deer from Rio and Cuba (7)
- 20 Finally reach pet, heard initially inside vessel (5,2)
- 21 Heading off one desire, fairly fresh (6)
- 23 Time in island to make Indian dish (5)
- 24 Swiftly father is taken in by one (5)