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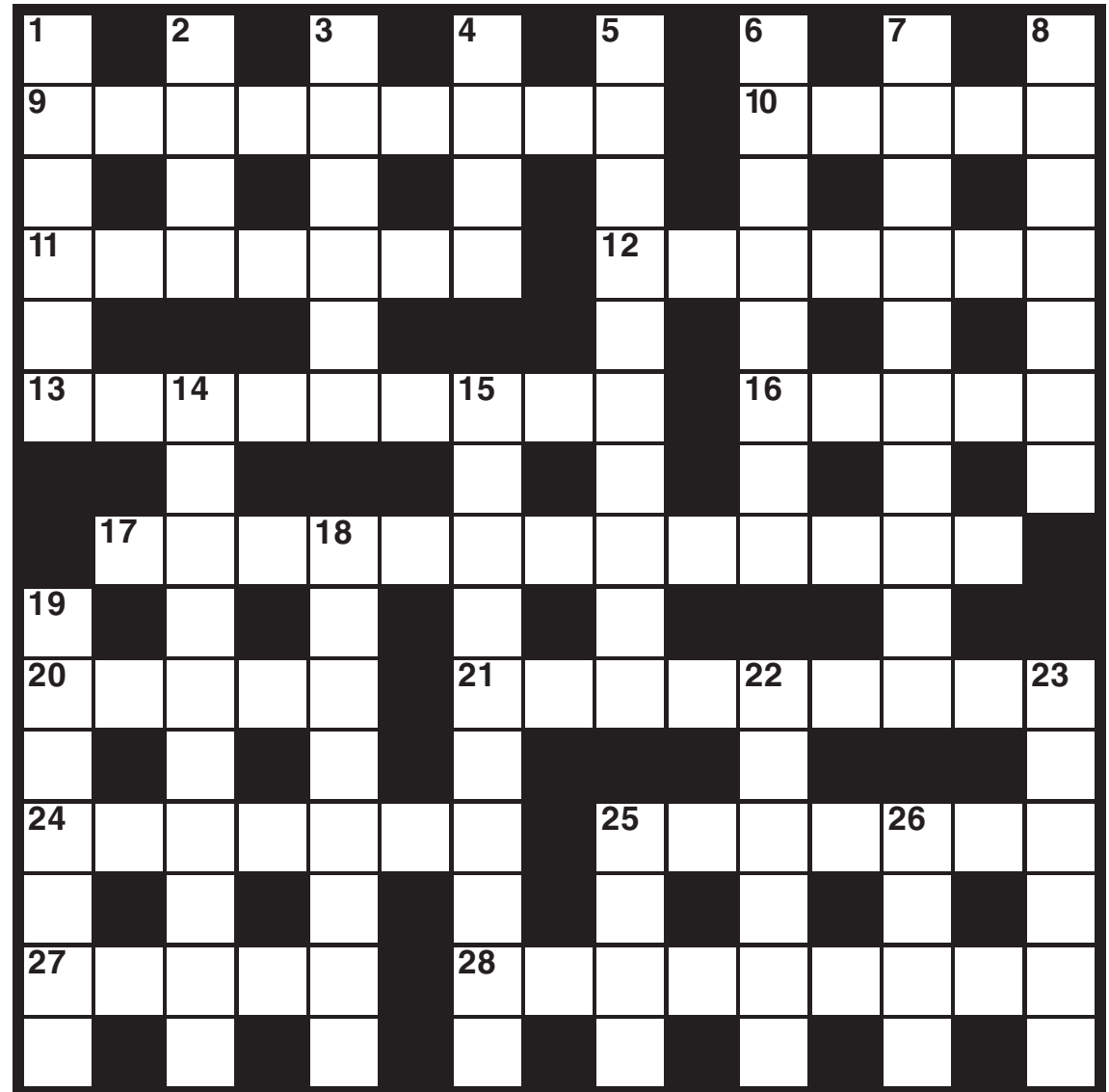
- 9 Playful terrapins come to light (9)
 10 Texan battle during gala morning (5)
 11 Pay out freely for place in stream (7)
 12 Set up trendy venue (2,5)
 13 A mast to be constructed for vessel (9)
 16 Frequently decimal? (5)
 17 Auntie's urgent arrangement for programme's music (9,4)
 20 Let inexperienced leader off (5)
 21 Curd Louis prepared was laughable (9)
 24 Chats about ten rats (7)
 25 Rallies around words when a judge is entering (3,4)
 27 Sect famished, but not fed (5)
 28 Lasting power of Shackleton's ship? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Doctors assist with inertia (6)
 2 Reportedly drag to public room (4)
 3 Tree to crash into religious retreat (6)
 4 Rent has gone up, we hear (4)
 5 Got through and checked in (10)
 6 New palm pots designed to brighten the road (4-4)
 7 Placed on a nation's US city (3,7)
 8 Hear fellow provost with painkiller (7)
 14 TS Eliot play with animal in a flap (10)
 15 It's far superior to open-air courses (10)
 18 Variety of wine held in Indian city (3,5)

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- 19 Deny profits? Yes (7)
 22 Shout about eel pie given salad sticks (6)
 23 Grow angry returning qualifications – not great (3,3)
 25 Assistant – answer: fish (4)
 26 Noisy presses producing charged particles (4)