

**ACROSS**

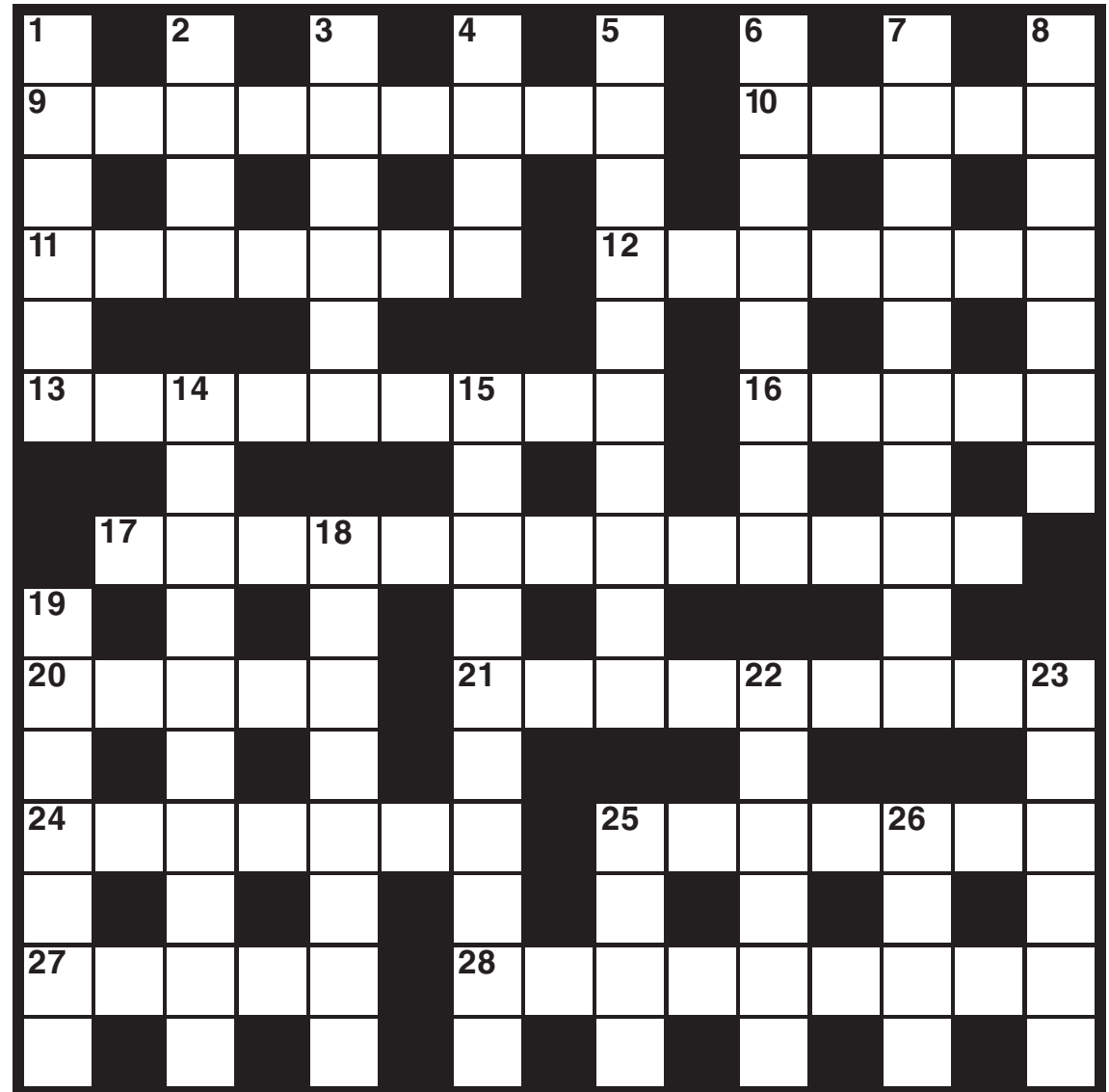
- 9 Often find mate in May, possibly (4,1,4)  
 10 Nine in a frenzy after a musical (5)  
 11 Whichever team on film retained lingering worry (7)  
 12 A breathing space everyone needs (7)  
 13 Stops concealing fury and puts in peril (9)  
 16 Jeers at headless artists' garments (5)  
 17 National diplomacy, in the past, mass production (13)  
 20 Ran around cedar (5)  
 21 Nothing in Iceland to disrupt a Roman place (9)  
 24 Moderate a painting medium (7)  
 25 Old boy adds poem to side of coin (7)  
 27 Music at party Ronald goes to (5)  
 28 Sorry about confined worker (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Fix the rascal with a drink (6)  
 2 Stone creature outside New York (4)  
 3 A gnome to be designed? Challenge accepted! (4,2)  
 4 Remove top of table mat, it's greasy (4)  
 5 Fast mover in court? (6,4)  
 6 Small fruits are a necessity back in elite corps (8)  
 7 Belonging to resistance group about to make breach of the law (10)  
 8 Pragmatic approach is required in kingdom (7)  
 14 Aloofness of isolated troops (10)  
 15 What the upholstery apprentice works on? (4,6)  
 18 Editor of trash that's extremely desirable (2,3,3)

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- 19 Hear those making reparation to novelists (7)  
 22 Heavenly French wine held in something cast (6)  
 23 Wickedly alters warnings (6)  
 25 Very big internal operation – oh dear! (4)  
 26 Run with blade making noise like Aslan? (4)