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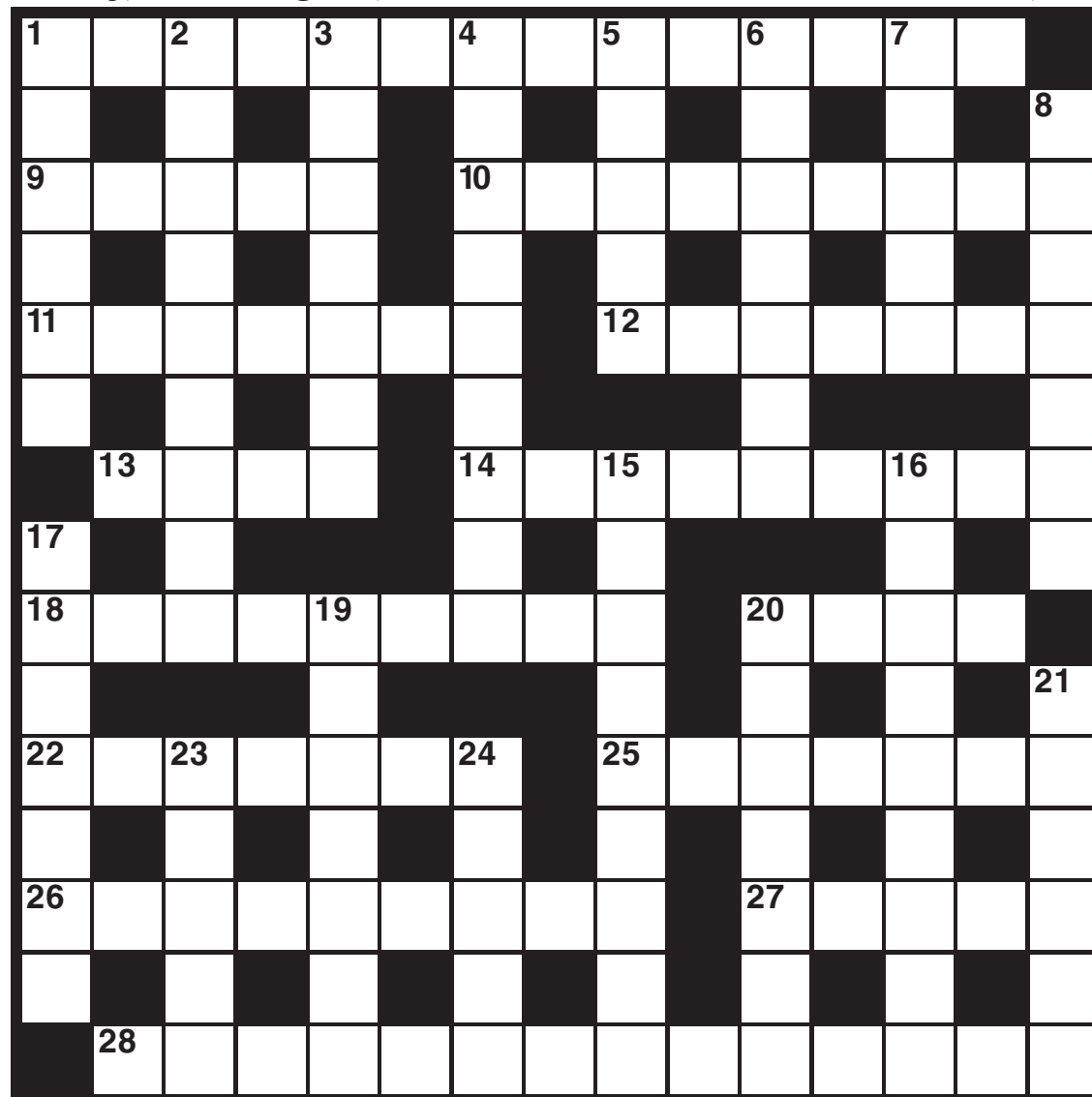
- 1 Endorsement at the auction, in trouble (14)
 9 Tried to listen to animals (5)
 10 Emotionally cut in all respects (9)
 11 No way strange following Rex onto platform (7)
 12 Ranges of unusual carpets (7)
 13 Darn foreign money! (4)
 14 Stale tart containing scrambled egg mostly, missing the mark (3,6)
 18 Washington state always environmentally friendly (9)
 20 Instrument to lean against on the way back (4)
 22 First of the composer's journeys (7)
 25 Ban progress after amber changes (7)
 26 Most wobbly smile's fit to burst (9)
 27 Rails reordered for hideaways (5)
 28 Completely drenched punter is put out (7,3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Like hard crude mineral on the beach (6)
 2 Ant alters novel to put it another way (9)
 3 Awfully rude in conclusion, though put up with it (7)
 4 Temple too misshapen for Native American emblem (5,4)
 5 Insensitive fool given little credit at first (5)
 6 Turn thick Greek cheese in cloth (7)
 7 Young bird using towel (5)
 8 Empty diary needs horrible soap (7)
 15 Meddle with very end of body part (9)
 16 Dare begin reforms – it's material (9)
 17 Irritable if called in to give evidence (7)

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- 19 We hear visitor made an estimate (7)
 20 Cylindrical container takes even dull hair (7)
 21 Enclosed in mail, directions for making hot milk drink (6)
 23 Farewell, and perish in gold (5)
 24 TV sequence observed aloud (5)