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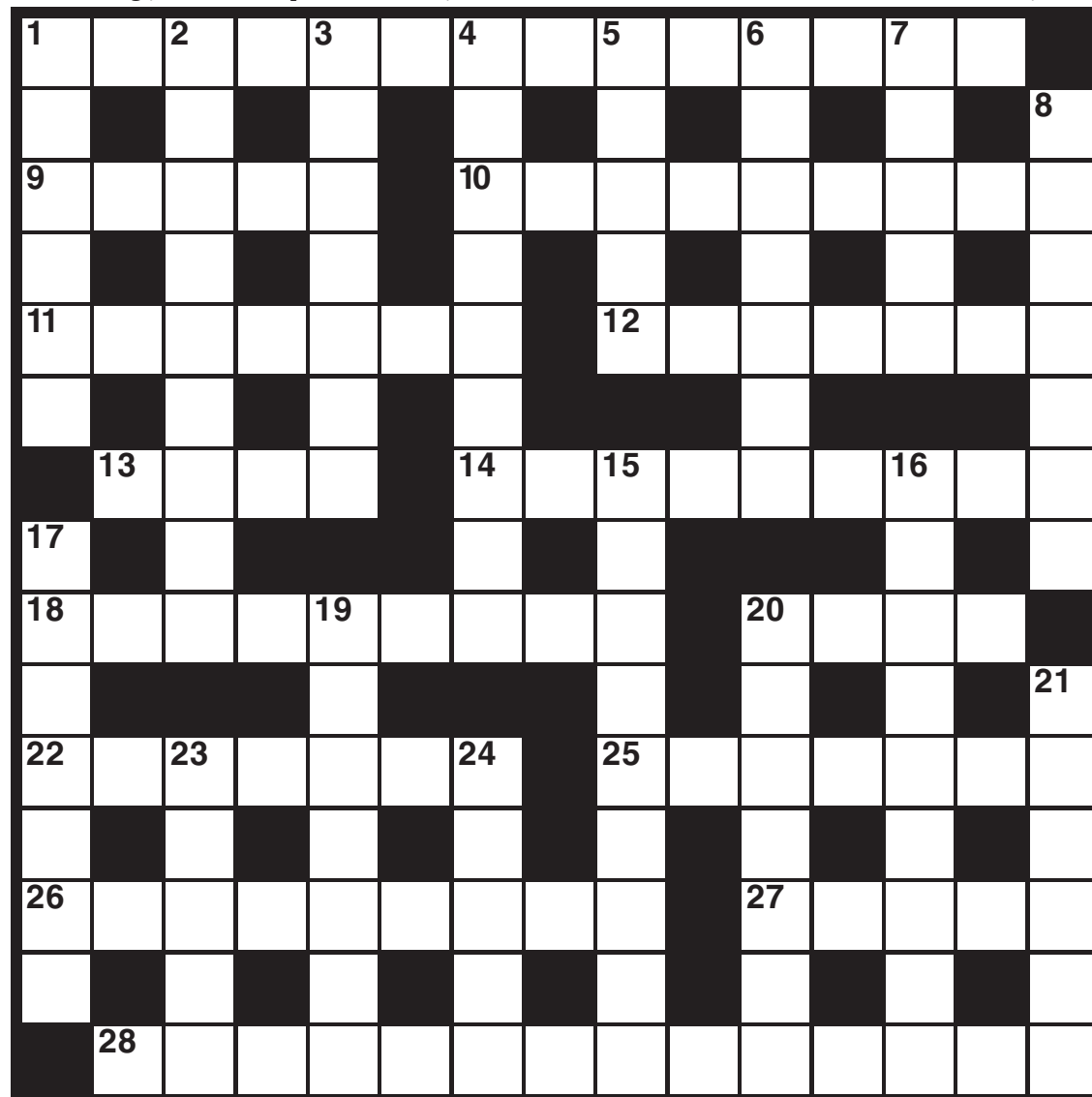
- 1 Welfare agency sorted out a sclerosis, blocking bad habit (6,8)
 9 Come back about mongrel (5)
 10 English boy better at heart given shoulder decoration (9)
 11 Average black cooking liquid needed to cook partially (7)
 12 Tycoon's mother and agent, possibly (7)
 13 Help with a wager (4)
 14 Remembering about vocation (9)
 18 Game for five or ten, tug in and out (5-2-2)
 20 Conceal the animal skin (4)
 22 Ten appear in diagram of old vehicle (7)
 25 Fool to value salt (7)
 26 'Valuer' is a term to translate (9)
 27 Was too curious about lions, say (5)
 28 Article held by Skye boatmen moving similarly (2,3,4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Band in street, ready to be picked (6)
 2 Prepare to shoot Batman's sidekick, or nursery-rhyme victim (4,5)
 3 Show left at Prestwick, perhaps (7)
 4 Suspect trickery at sewer? (5,1,3)
 5 True man finds a dominion (5)
 6 Being sick, break a leg – it's against the law (7)
 7 Lesser actor, giving more (5)
 8 Retaliation, for example, at no time given backing (7)
 15 Trick German, and with strange riddle (9)
 16 It's used for writing in kind in a novel (6,3)

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- 17 First woman to harbour a prompt refugee (7)
 19 Win an old car (7)
 20 Heated position, dangerous zone (7)
 21 No dent disfigured sinew (6)
 23 Restless servant's yearly housing (5)
 24 Carries bags (5)