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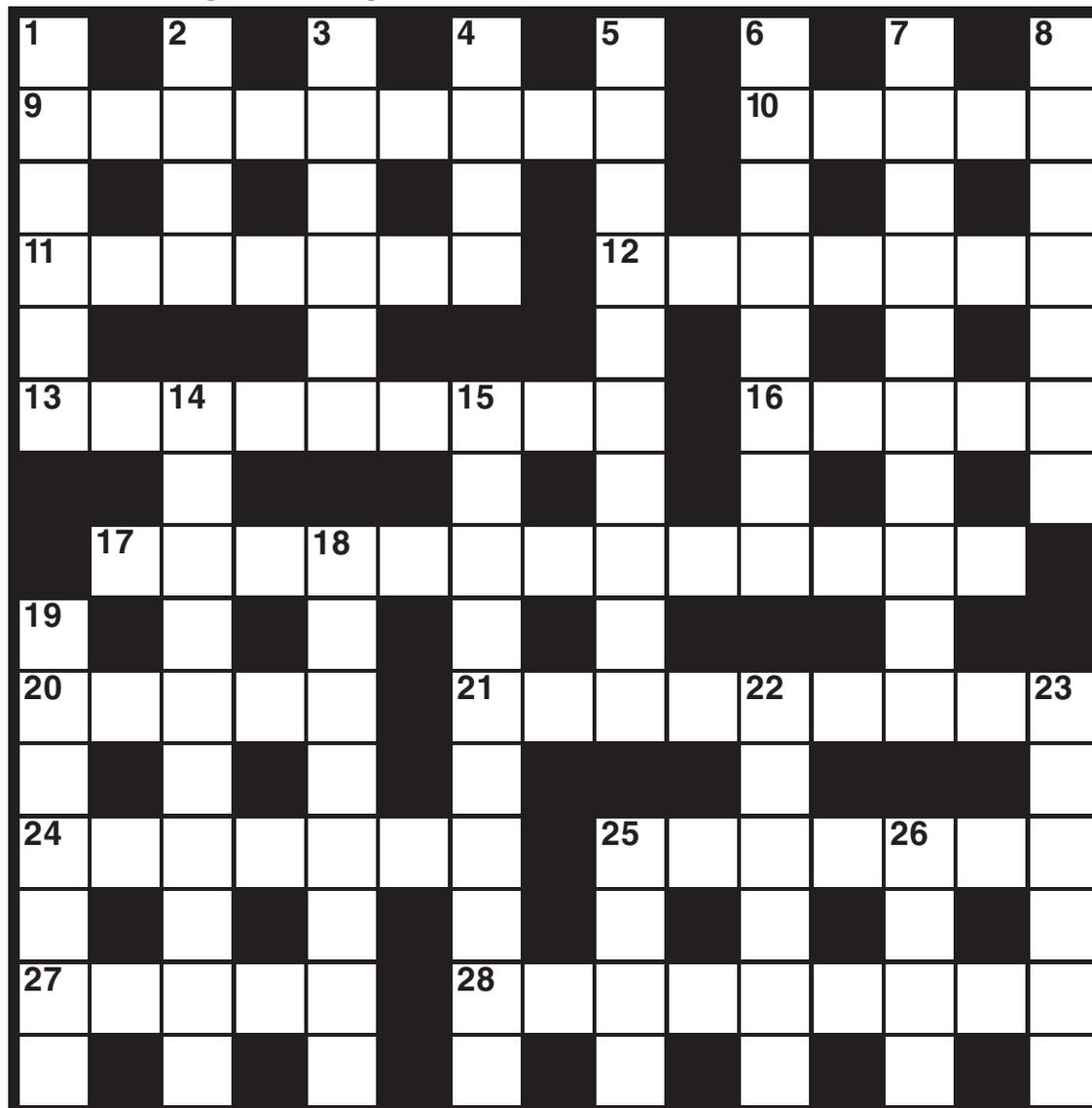
- 9 Chinese principle I go through, lacking right Irish leader (9)
 10 Plunder firearm (5)
 11 Clump of grass for first sheep thus in fold (7)
 12 US uncle moving to centre (7)
 13 Novelist with instrument, fish about to return (6,3)
 16 Even parts of strait stay looking shabby (5)
 17 Ringer's outpost with signal too garbled (13)
 20 Go along with Royal Engineers in time (5)
 21 Ray unsettled male bears (5,4)
 24 There's grease around any ship's rope (7)
 25 Held cut fish (7)
 27 European's accommodated by pleasant family member (5)
 28 Completely occupied modifying son's greed (9)

DOWN

- 1 Small, small person getting pain in side (6)
 2 Stuck-up people with no head for gentry (4)
 3 A horse confused on the beach (6)
 4 007's boss to request a disguise (4)
 5 Article virtually unnecessary for Isle of Wight landmark (3,7)
 6 Swap one carpet with \$1000 label (5,3)
 7 Lingering flavour from mixed feta treats (10)
 8 Garments for cattle? (7)
 14 Alters tail collections (10)
 15 Guest-house owners come ashore with unusual ideals (10)
 18 Quietly tells a story for the churchmen (8)

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- 19 Follow objective for posterior (4,3)
 22 Boiling herd to assemble (3-3)
 23 Manage to get to party (4,2)
 25 Shrill greeting, we hear (4)
 26 Throw out head removed in knights' combat (4)