

**ACROSS**

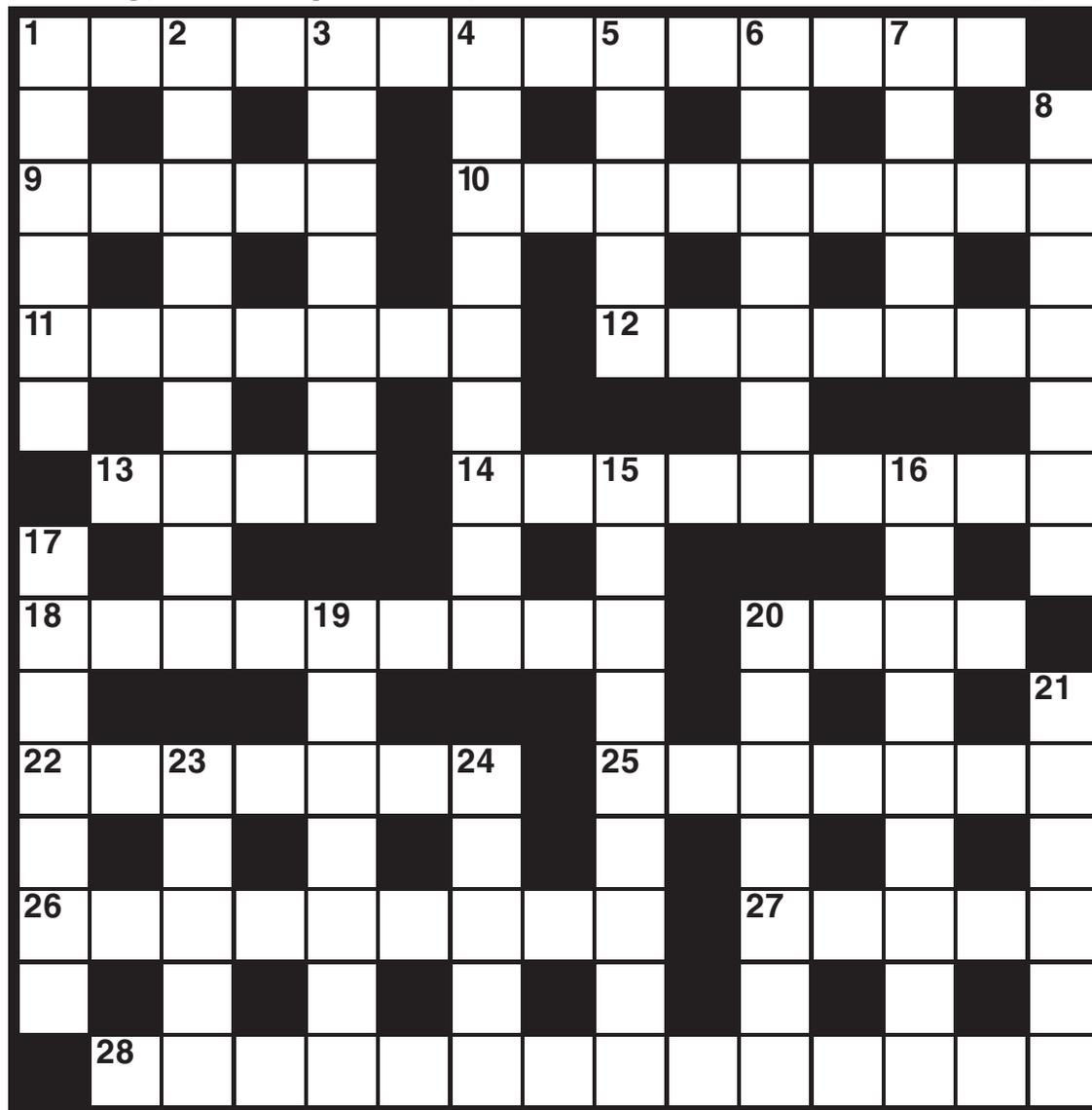
- 1 During break, find potential rust inside necessary facilities (14)  
 9 Germ goes from six to half the country (5)  
 10 Not an original take-off (9)  
 11 Very big one in home is most curious (7)  
 12 From Nazareth, an old green fuel (7)  
 13 Vagueness concealing fit of the shivers (4)  
 14 Medical worker treats hip badly (9)  
 18 Took bones out with pads (9)  
 20 Softly repose in ballet position (4)  
 22 Short commercial directions are unfavourable (7)  
 25 Being hard to catch makes Sue evil (7)  
 26 Singer appearing in the Crown & Anchor is terrible! (9)  
 27 Some remain troubled by opening passage (5)  
 28 Comic duo is in tree and able to endure the cold (6,3,5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Design trendy feature at back of jacket (6)  
 2 Prudence misinterpreted gift horse (9)  
 3 Sure eat again, being severe (7)  
 4 A number score a dozen more (6-3)  
 5 Come together and turn up in retinue (5)  
 6 Windpipe hurt in rat, badly (7)  
 7 Rule Niger, strangely (5)  
 8 Increase in fine overdue (7)  
 15 Singer performing serenade outside hospital (2,7)  
 16 Founder spilling air into it (9)  
 17 Add to first of eggs – hen can, possibly (7)

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- 19 Divide right next to author (7)  
 20 Narrow-minded insurance company given plate (7)  
 21 More distorted in my recollection (6)  
 23 Fiddle with flower (5)  
 24 Praise the former charge, endlessly (5)