

**ACROSS**

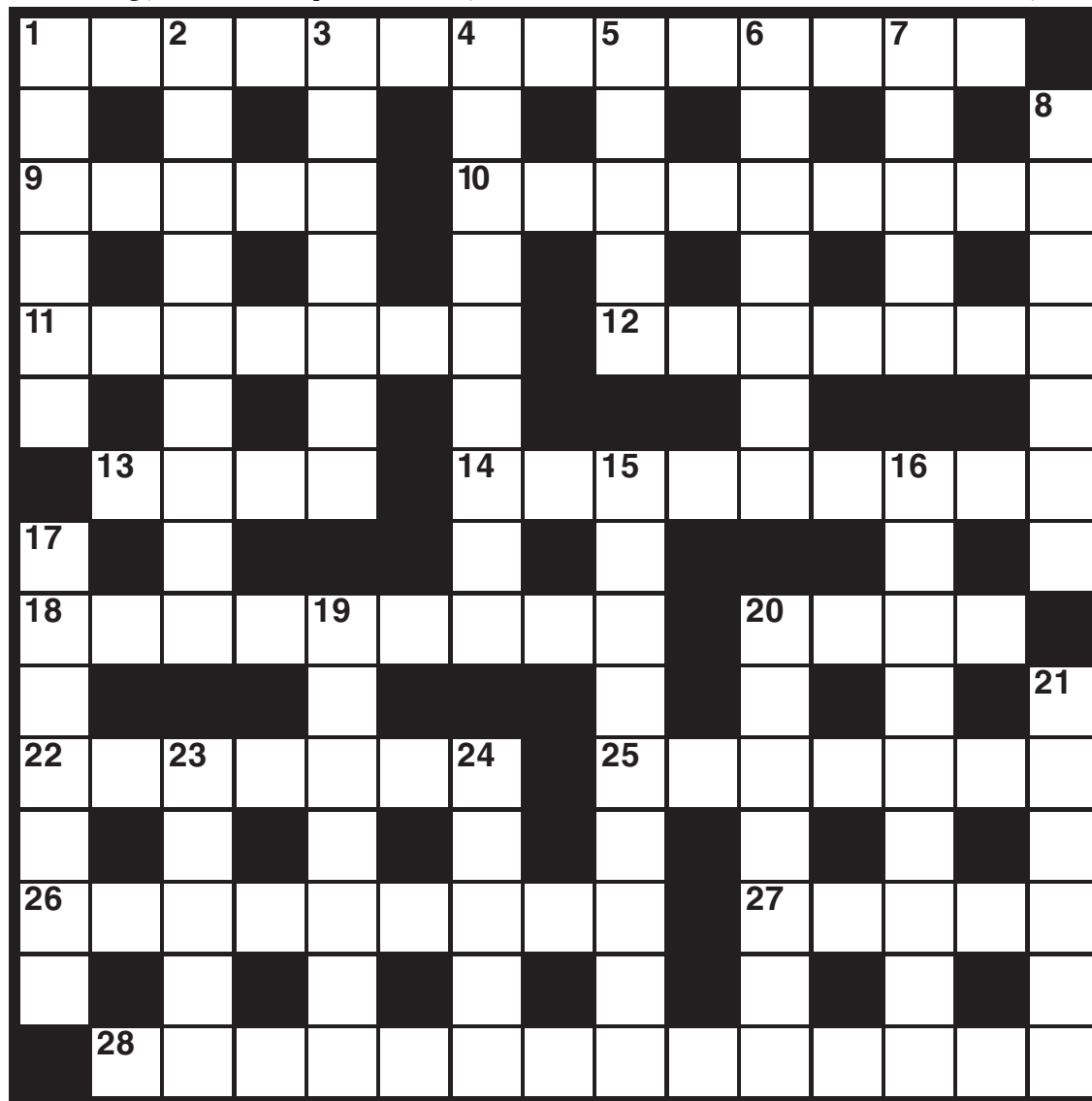
- 1 Best border rain confused garden bird (5,9)  
 9 Sleeveless jacket may be legit (5)  
 10 One somehow inert worker is wandering (9)  
 11 At home, fear losing head by mistake (2,5)  
 12 Person who lies about the room, right? (7)  
 13 Dead giveaway? (4)  
 14 Feel bad when given soft embrace by No.11? (4-5)  
 18 Dosing is a mistake in doctor's opinion (9)  
 20 Fertile river, one in front of church (4)  
 22 Sicilian town where dim marine found love (7)  
 25 Egg man makes excellent piece of work with key (7)  
 26 Crass act I ordered, being cynical (9)  
 27 Evenly poach treat for eight musicians (5)  
 28 Processed peas, fried, go eat with spread (4,2,4,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Get back, say, during bad weather (6)  
 2 Liberal interpretation not applicable to classical performer (9)  
 3 Neither sharp nor flat? That's simple! (7)  
 4 Tim's eager and prepared for move abroad (9)  
 5 Start breeding small river fish (5)  
 6 Carry out top manager after four leave (7)  
 7 World's languages contain this kind of informal speech (5)  
 8 Mix young fish for Eastern meal (4-3)  
 15 Thereby vary topic to include piece of furniture (4,5)  
 16 Domestic worker and Christmas speaker? (9)  
 17 Fatty Arbuckle opens poised production (7)

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- 19 Rushed back with speed to give an account (7)  
 20 Deer receiving setback from TV actor (3,4)  
 21 Loud deliveries in ship's cabins (6)  
 23 Grub found in circular vase (5)  
 24 Accoutrements somewhat eccentric (5)