

**ACROSS**

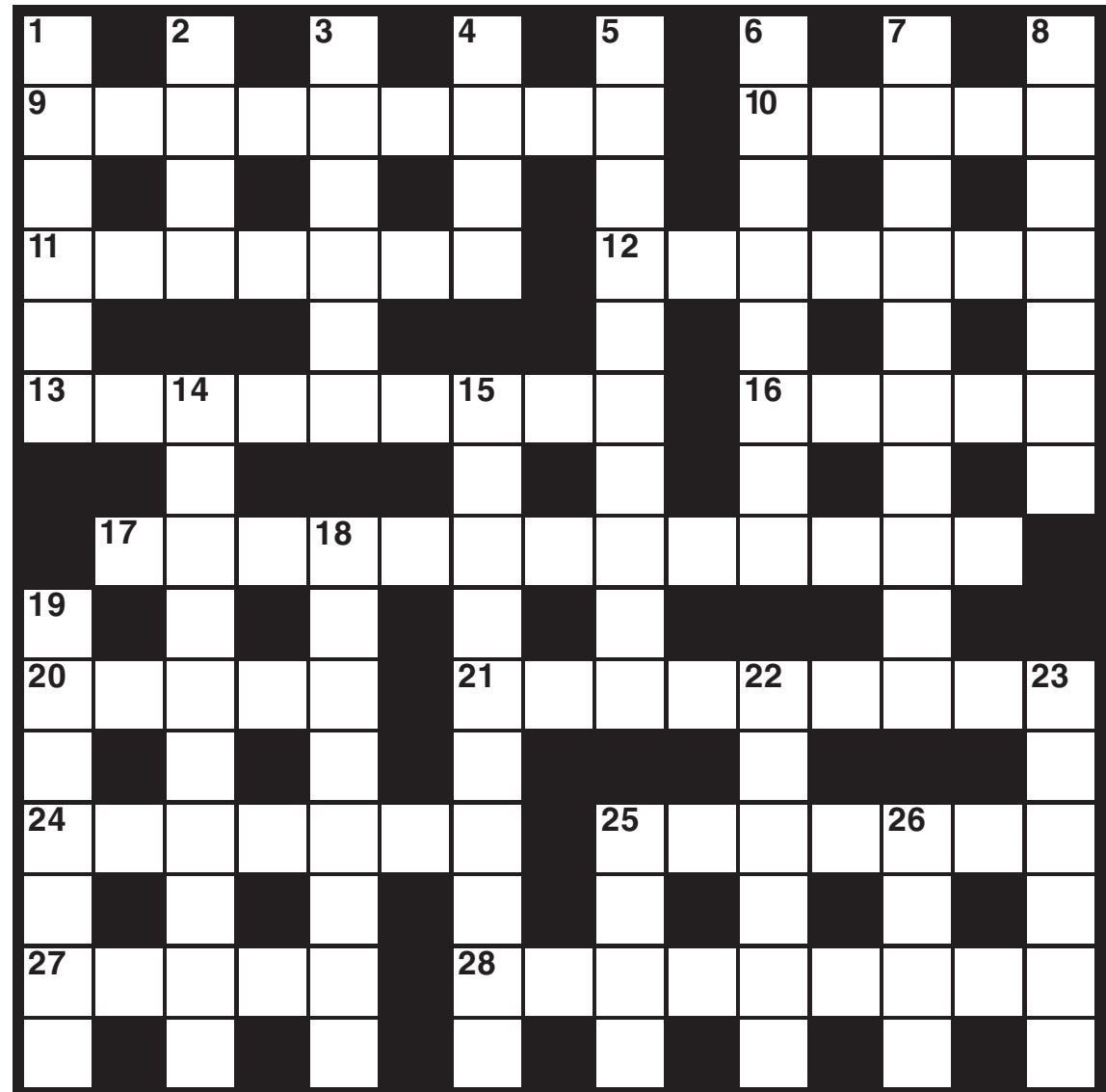
- 9 Placed ideally in conifer (9)  
 10 Quietly got up to make ordinary speech (5)  
 11 Told to avoid jewels in fairground ride (7)  
 12 Stagger around rook with pig's foot (7)  
 13 Old vessels I've to make spacious (9)  
 16 Effort by South Africa gets heard (5)  
 17 Some rip off country when taking off (13)  
 20 Poltergeist held back white bird (5)  
 21 Having one Geordie on planet is gloomy! (9)  
 24 Resin plastered around church – honest (7)  
 25 Scruffy peacekeepers, with maiden, held out (7)  
 27 The Spanish took food to raise spirits (5)  
 28 Aware that tooth isn't an alternative (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Snow vehicle with small ridge (6)  
 2 Ogled, I'd say (4)  
 3 A gnome to be designed? Challenge accepted! (4,2)  
 4 Contributes to noisy commercials (4)  
 5 Marry then make a bow? (3,3,4)  
 6 Person against ordering pen with no top (8)  
 7 Room in disarray holding girl educationalist (10)  
 8 Bert, say, unfortunately breaks faith (7)  
 14 Rope in a man to train dog (10)  
 15 One creating scene isn't making strong demand (10)  
 18 Way-out measures, once metres, converted (8)

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- 19 More confused when series broadcast after first of May (7)  
 22 Quickly acquire from a lawn? (4,2)  
 23 Finally, people say it's a housing area (6)  
 25 Longing to head off expulsion (4)  
 26 Said to come across edible flesh (4)