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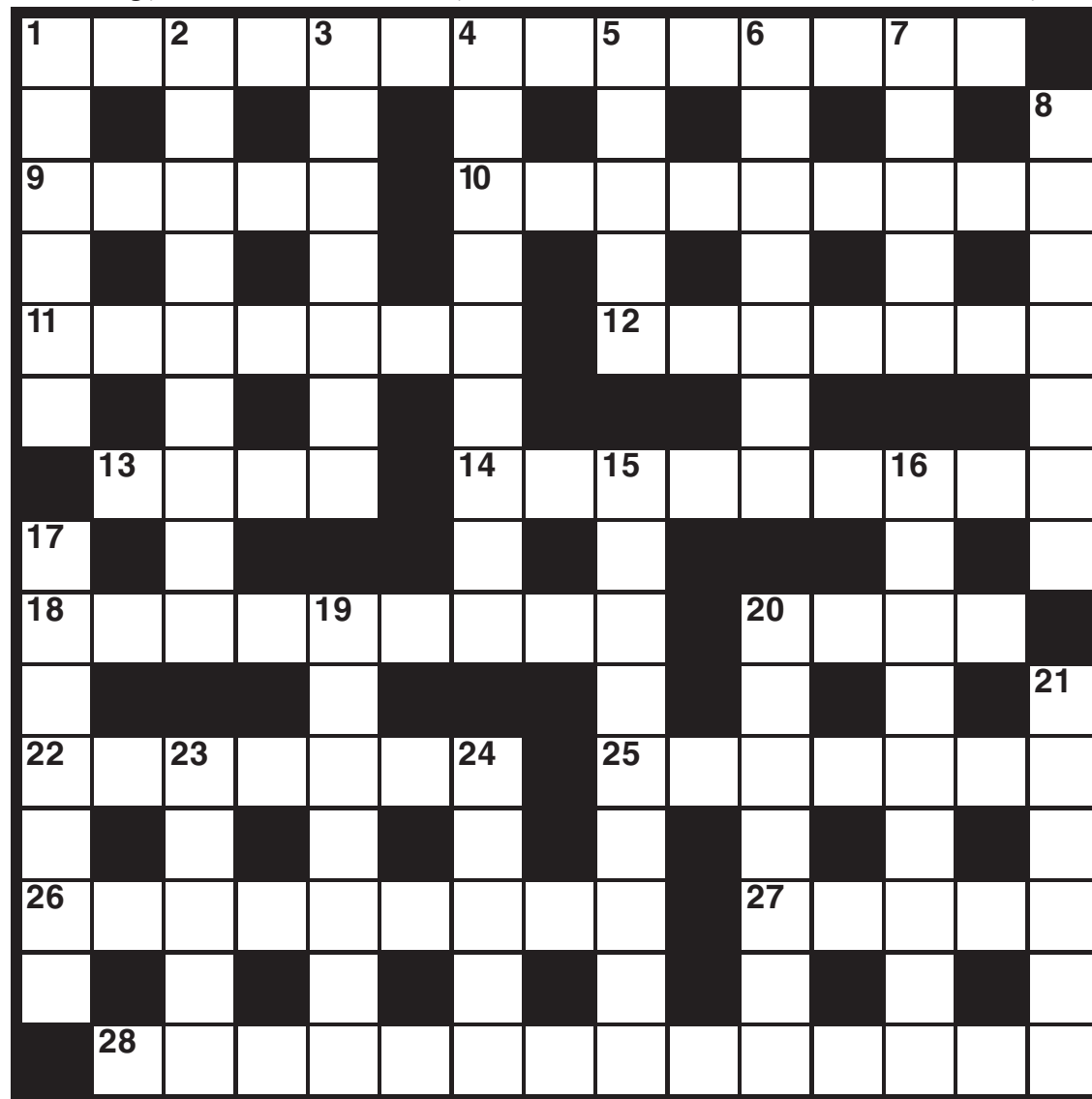
- 1 Welfare agency sorted out a sclerosis, blocking bad habit (6,8)
 9 Severely criticise cook (5)
 10 Benefit from a point scored on the tennis court? (9)
 11 Humbly ask for British crumbly cheese (7)
 12 Sneers at awful desire to hold daughter (7)
 13 Ceremony at post office with politician attending (4)
 14 Jack and the Beanstalk, it's incredible (4,5)
 18 Notice girl, one working to get entrance fee (9)
 20 Knocks this out (4)
 22 Imitating Eastern Church by going without leader (7)
 25 A piece of land is high and dry (7)
 26 Those following dodgy green auto (9)
 27 Traditions about one French flower (5)
 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

DOWN

- 1 Sean half heartedly to cheat on writer (6)
 2 Cold girl removing top of sweeper in study area (9)
 3 New part out of place in Belgian port (7)
 4 Past eight? Prepare some Italian food (9)
 5 Wandered and drove about (5)
 6 To block polluted drains with nitrogen takes guts (7)
 7 Animal from Eastern country (5)
 8 Knitwear for cattle? (7)
 15 Listen and learn, surprisingly, about European (4,2,3)
 16 Redesign is over, but unduly noticeable (9)
 17 Appalling red tape came to a point (7)

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- 19 Students' rising should commence with errors (4-3)
 20 Rushed off negotiating fifty obstacles (7)
 21 Five in dodgy trade making a commercial (6)
 23 Thumb proving problem (5)
 24 Grind the teeth just like this, but see end of pain within deep cut (5)