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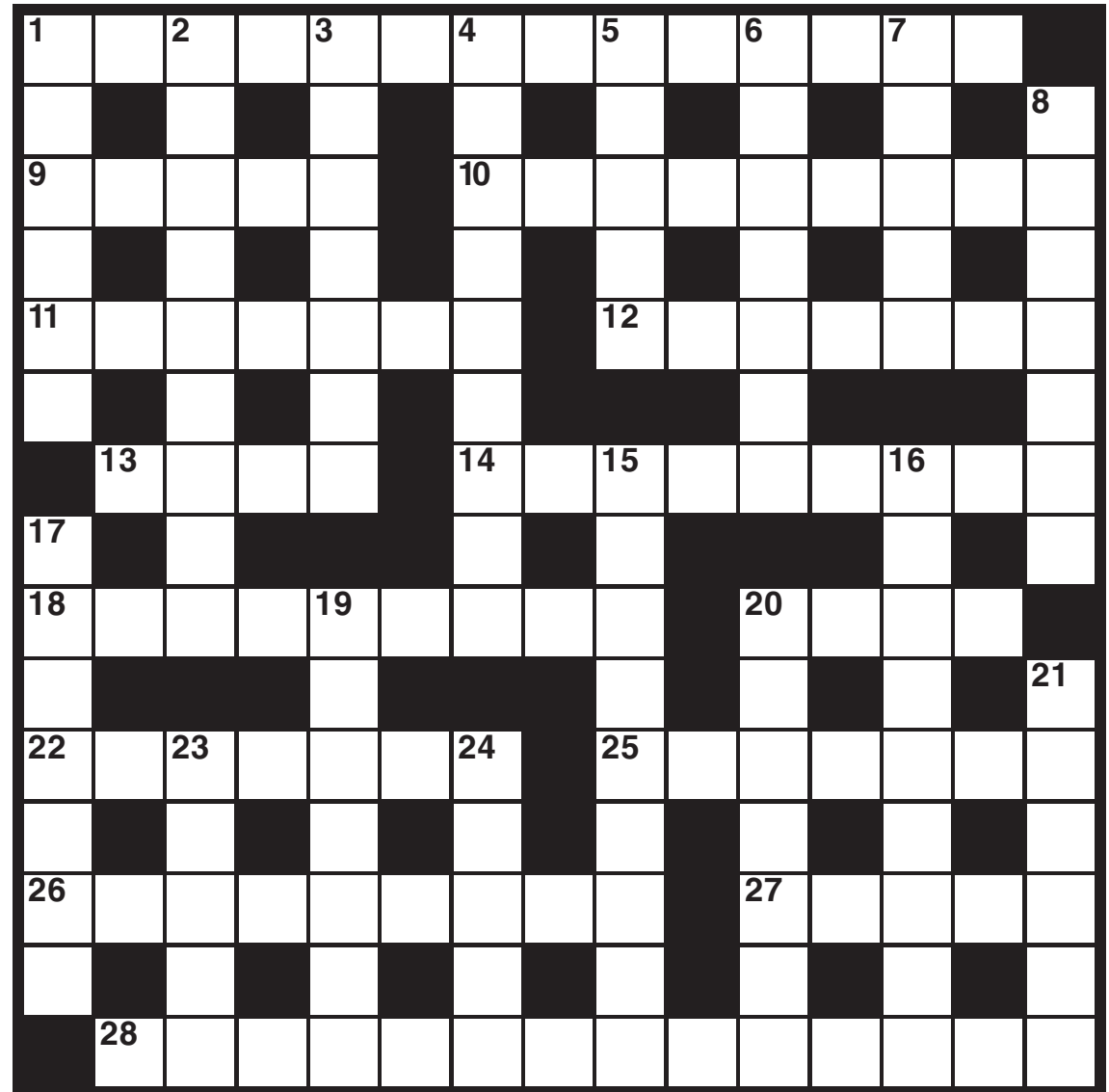
- 1 The most quiet? (6,8)
 9 Not in charge of this puzzle in vault? (5)
 10 Storehouses ring areas that are dilapidated (9)
 11 Eastern fellow devoured issue (7)
 12 Odds on newly lined axle (7)
 13 Tool counts, we're told (4)
 14 At home, therefore manic about sheep counter (9)
 18 Gas about one slim sort of playwright (4,5)
 20 Have I never held the rib of a leaf? (4)
 22 Sheep run needs assistance with smash and grab (3,4)
 25 Get egg-white for a pound and shake up menu (7)
 26 Reprimand when tag on kilt destroyed (7-2)
 27 Car model is a star confused (5)
 28 Match a peculiar sort of chemical (14)

DOWN

- 1 Leech is a fool (6)
 2 Placed ideally in tree (9)
 3 Fool to value salt (7)
 4 Girl, one in silent element (9)
 5 In France, John has small trousers (5)
 6 Practical tendency is found in kingdom (7)
 7 Sampled first of roughage in new diet (5)
 8 Distinctive nature of a concentrated extract (7)
 15 Perform at an opening in Asian seaport (9)
 16 Silly about mother in the vernacular (9)
 17 Unthankful person might get a roasting here? (7)

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- 19 Has dire problem, being more underhand (7)
 20 Six taking dietary fibre primarily to get energetic (7)
 21 Engaged in a phone conversation, but standing by (2,4)
 23 Fertiliser, a lot put round bottom of fennel (5)
 24 Canine mum shows blind faith (5)