

**ACROSS**

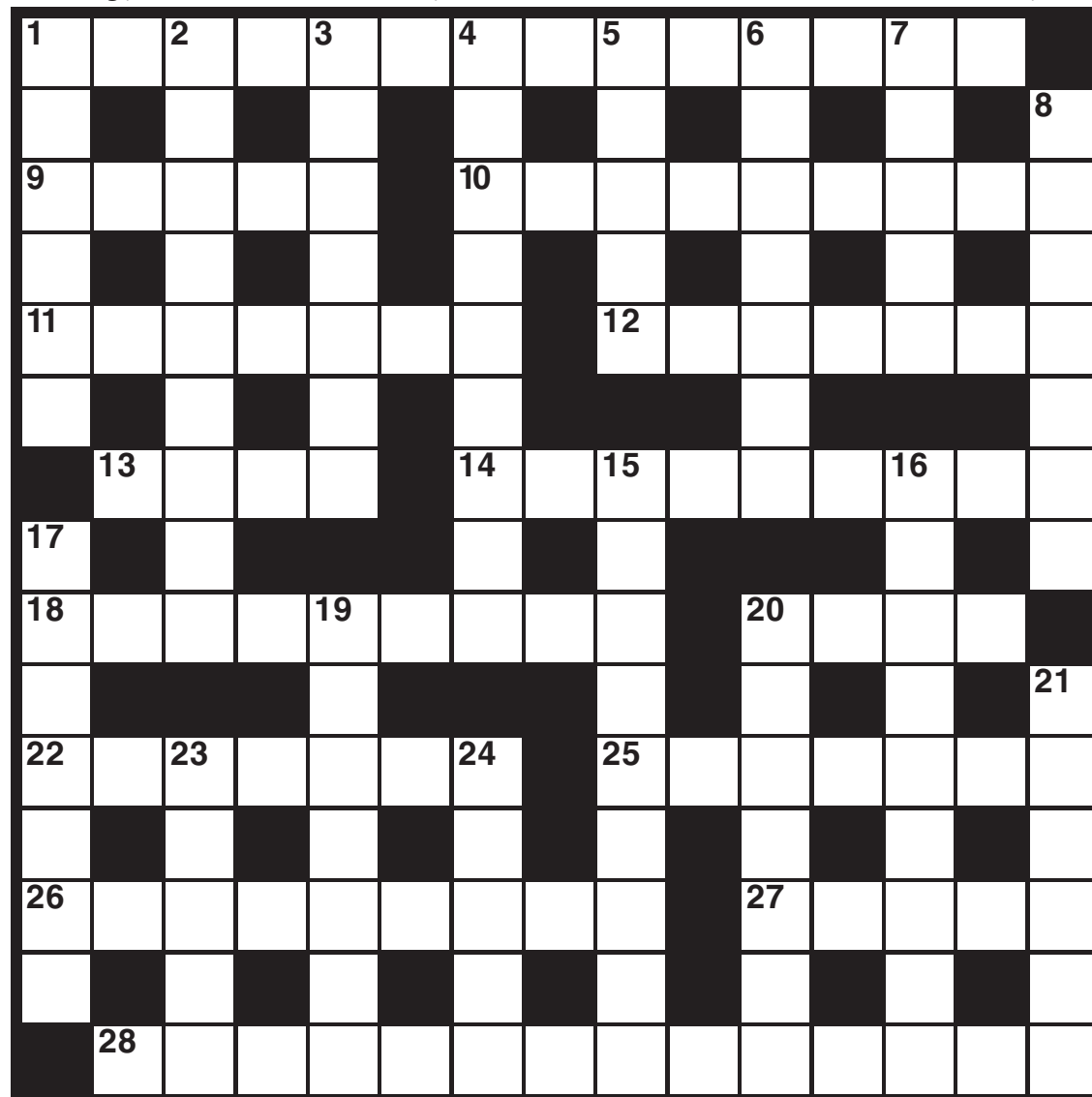
- 1 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)
- 9 Fast bike coming from terrace, revving (5)
- 10 Being forthright, ditch social worker (9)
- 11 Offensive outside broadcast on location (7)
- 12 Group member drawn with stranger? (7)
- 13 Talent that's free (4)
- 14 Remembering and phoning again (9)
- 18 Novelist looks pale after cinema rebuilt (3,6)
- 20 A young animal turns into chrysalis (4)
- 22 Gave up work and went to bed (7)
- 25 Olga won, unfortunately, through wrong score (3,4)
- 26 Direct bargepole at fish (9)
- 27 Just when writer's alongside US resort (5)
- 28 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Isolate colour (6)
- 2 Spiralling rises once resulted in a slump (9)
- 3 Serious art seen destroyed (7)
- 4 Awful queue to bridleway (6,3)
- 5 Swiftness of ranked player holding Penny (5)
- 6 Increase gains a wicked hearing (7)
- 7 Retains centimetre outside – huge gap! (5)
- 8 Where things are kept, or inside platform (7)
- 15 Some intoxicant one serves with a particular kind of Chinese food (9)
- 16 I am not late to turn spontaneously (9)
- 17 Upset girl's teddy bear without hesitation (7)

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- 19 Get up in heart of funeral procession (7)
- 20 Colour up in tree like a feather (7)
- 21 Earth, perhaps, level terrain, initially (6)
- 23 Set fire to church on hill (5)
- 24 Produce reluctantly at end of excavation (3,2)