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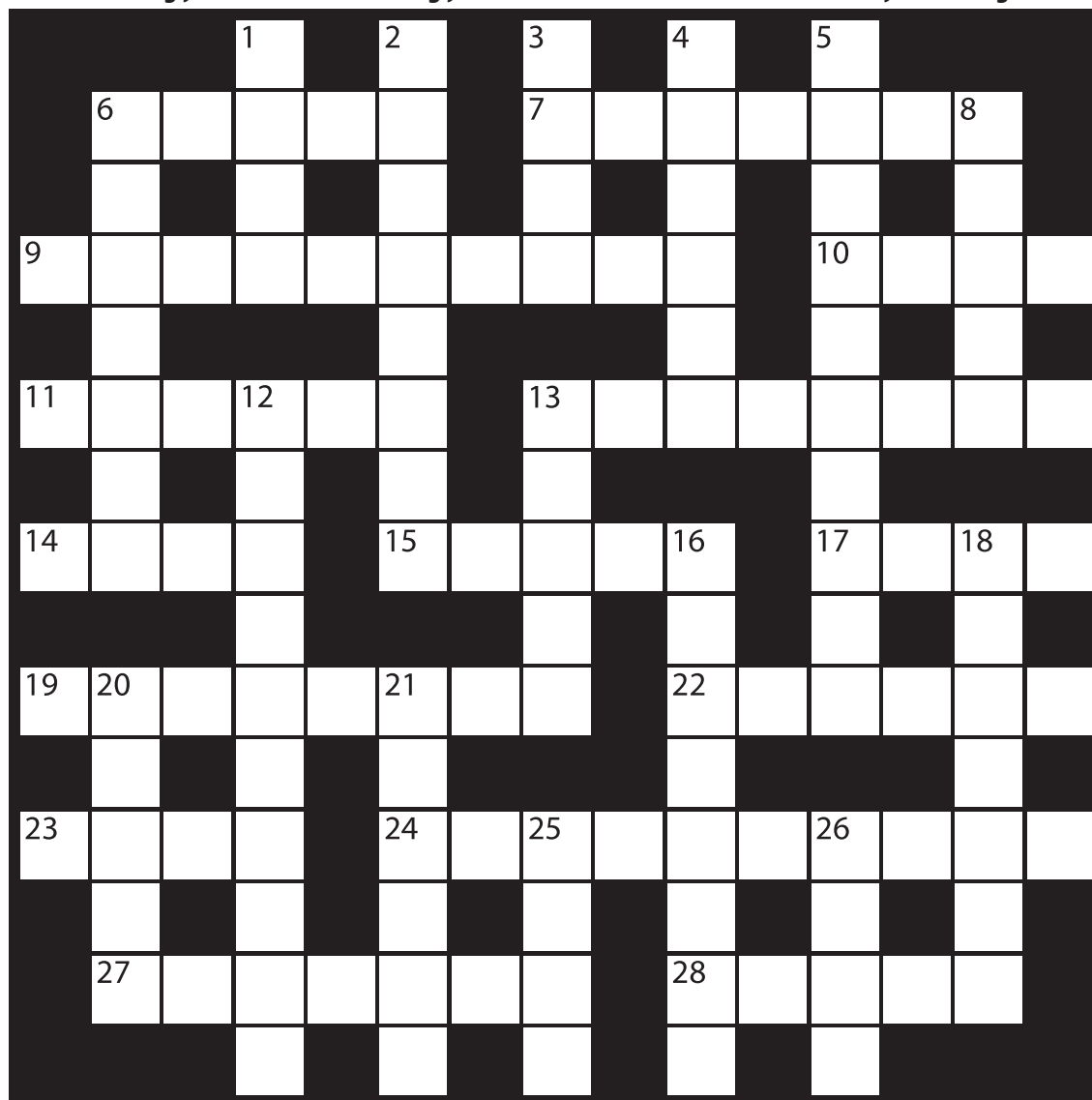
- 6 One in vehicle heading for Oman's capital (5)
- 7 Suit needs shortening to get this shape (7)
- 9 Fan unit heats up nurses stationed at front (10)
- 10 Flipping insect bite! (4)
- 11 Fibre regularly used in conjurer's illusion (6)
- 13 Her pals dashed to collect bit of nacre and shell fragments (8)
- 14 Police initially expected to visit Balmoral? (4)
- 15 Take off your clothes and belt (5)
- 17 Cries finally ebb during distress call (4)
- 19 Enterprise, perhaps, shown by celebs in fashion (8)
- 22 Working with U2 muso can make you nervous (2,4)
- 23 Party graduate husband holds close to campus (4)
- 24 Get routes to travel around a place like Iran? (5,5)
- 27 In hearing, a truthful assertion gets praise (7)
- 28 Daughter with yen to see flashy dresser (5)

DOWN

- 1 Leaders to fight independence, so hire Sturgeon? (4)
- 2 Those caught with pot let sobs out, user at last admitted (8)
- 3 Plan of US agency led by head of intelligence (4)
- 4 Mars Bar wrapper found in a Scottish chippy! (6)
- 5 Something often used for chopper maintenance? (10)
- 6 Prisoner's okay, put in a cell (7)
- 8 Thick poles placed in river in Scotland (5)
- 12 Sweet German wine, a large one'll make you stagger! (10)
- 13 It's a tiny bit rubbish (5)

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- 16 Income for top tourney players to be announced (8)
- 18 Large effort to stop bit of offensive prejudice (7)
- 20 Half-a-crown! (5)
- 21 That woman's boyfriend is a german bloke (6)
- 25 E-publication reviewing Space Invaders? (4)
- 26 VAT could be essentially hiked under Brown (4)