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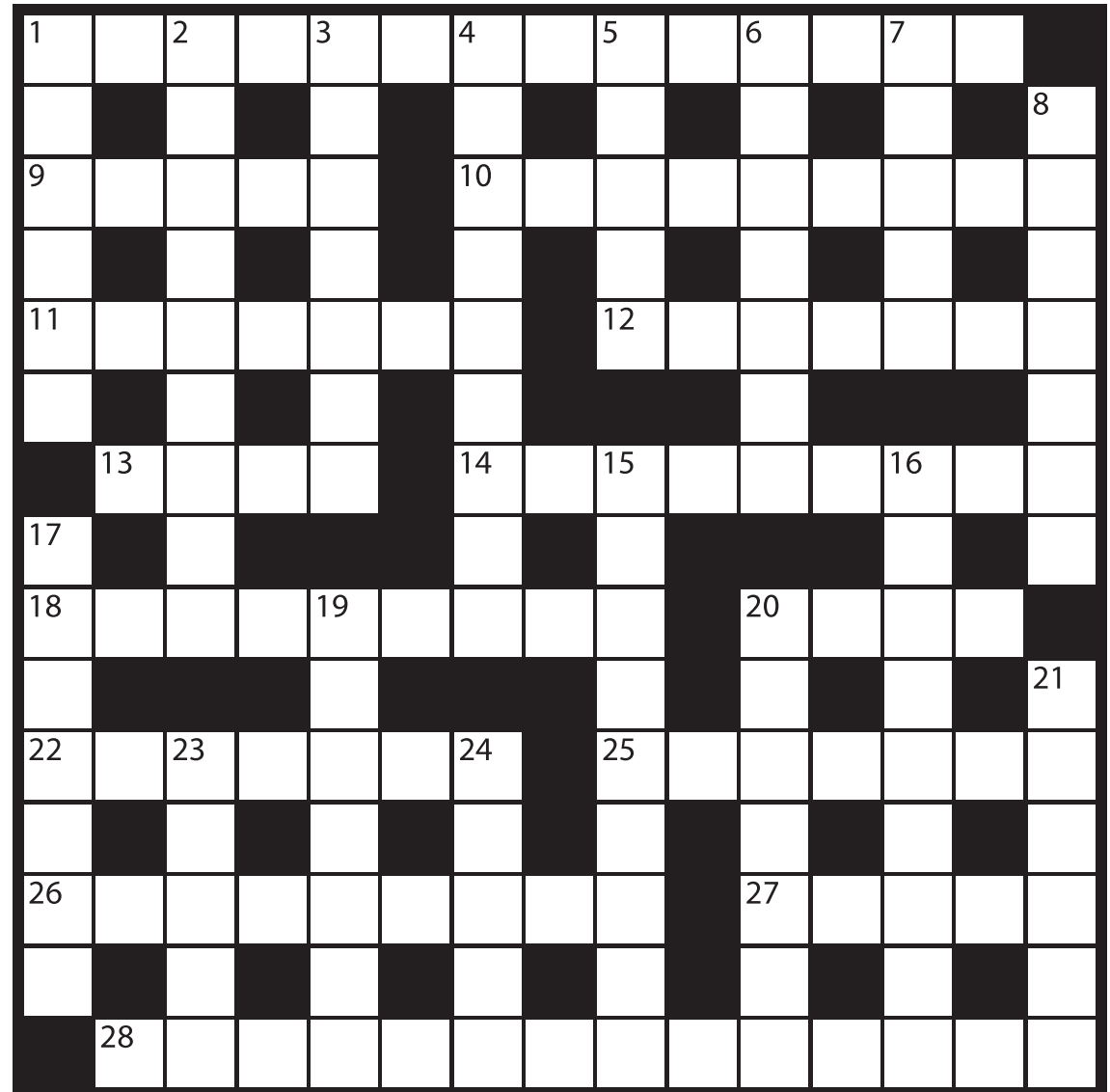
- 1 Glass instrument needs drink first (9,5)
- 9 A boxing match in the vicinity (5)
- 10 I later turned, scoffed and hit back (9)
- 11 Concerning interior swimming pools and intakes of air (7)
- 12 Painters in dire straits (7)
- 13 Rope-maker to park on border (4)
- 14 Old boy's term for compulsive preoccupation (9)
- 18 During another Sabbath he embraced biblical woman (9)
- 20 Hit garment (4)
- 22 I learnt about trusting (7)
- 25 Backing some questionable visa very shifty! (7)
- 26 Black Beauty, perhaps, one with hidden talents (4,5)
- 27 Proper person's first to dress fussily (5)
- 28 Something to chew on? (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Irascible, like a crustacean (6)
- 2 Novel reparation (9)
- 3 Break for refreshment at mine's entrance (3,4)
- 4 Copy ogre's design for spinning wheel (9)
- 5 More than an actor (5)
- 6 Signs of a beginner demolishing pallets (1-6)
- 7 Rips rates apart (5)
- 8 Adds salt to springs? (7)
- 15 Declaration in law – testament, possibly (9)
- 16 Tending towards not being upright (9)
- 17 Stick out if badly troubled with large omission (7)

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- 19 Almost stop building being hidden away (7)
- 20 Meat inside short cutlery item, or bathroom item (7)
- 21 Order posted for a tyrant (6)
- 23 Goal difficult if containing runs scored slowly (5)
- 24 Trunk is part of elephant or something (5)