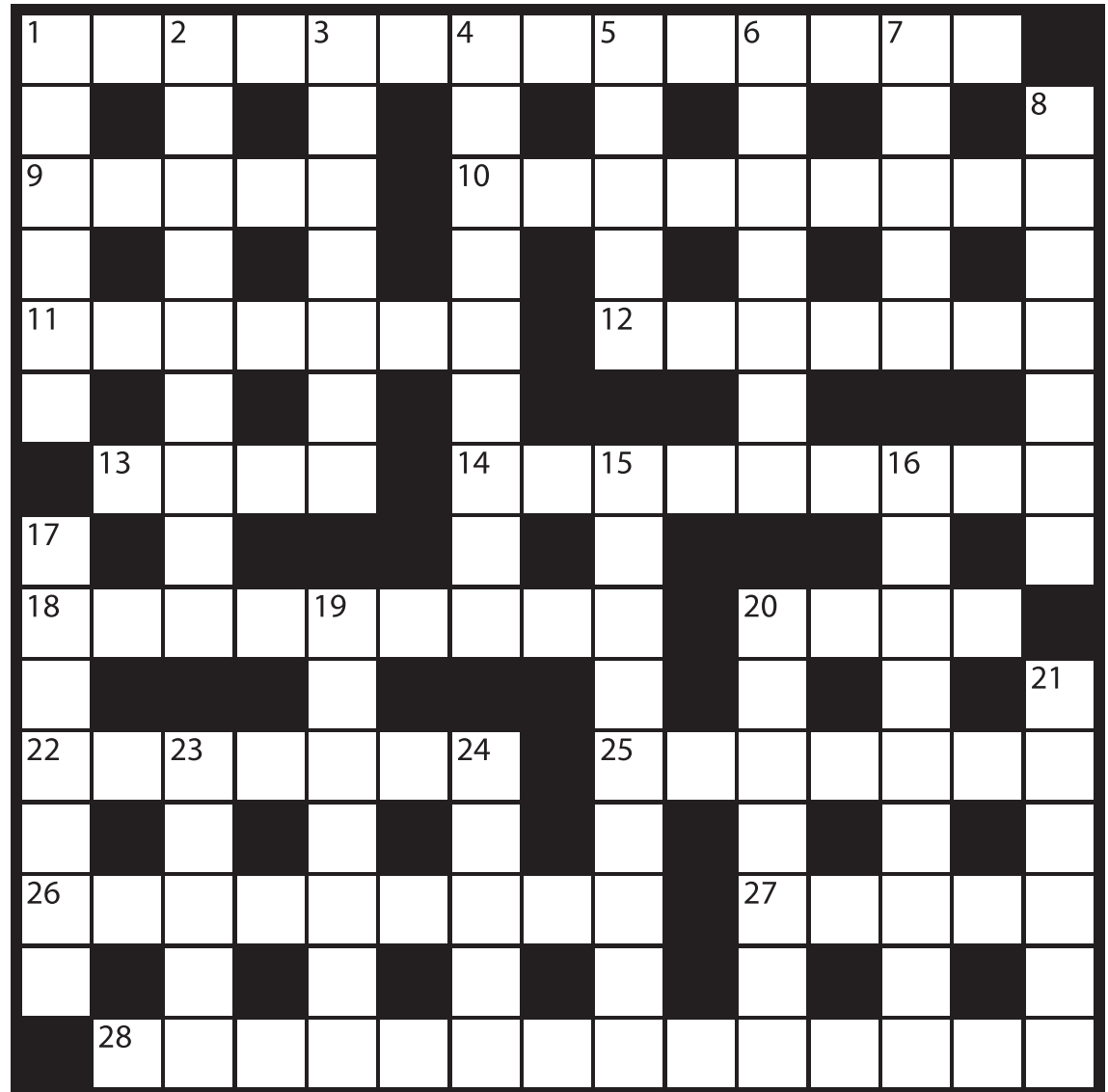


ACROSS

- 1 Really excited when about to distort the bill (8,2,4)
- 9 Order a bit of a laugh in Nebraska (5)
- 10 Sign it to begin your distant future (9)
- 11 Upright purpose for Morecambe's partner (7)
- 12 Accountant gets lock for female performer (7)
- 13 Band joke about the north (4)
- 14 Descendant hit gold (9)
- 18 Soil, it has got round breathing problem (9)
- 20 Concert taking place over in Wareham or Poole (4)
- 22 Walter's disposed to become a I ayabout (7)
- 25 Lubricating instructions become a bore (3,4)
- 26 Number zero, cut in without equal (9)
- 27 Motorways encircling a city (5)
- 28 And benefits Mrs Twist with dog (4,4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Garden tool, beginning to rust, is put in dryer (6)
- 2 Author kept back during dollar crisis (5,4)
- 3 I angled to become principal (7)
- 4 States they are very fast trains (9)
- 5 Opera taken into Scandinavia (5)
- 6 Bather swims round point to take in air (7)
- 7 Lookalike with English string (5)
- 8 Reportedly, I viewed an unpleasant thing (7)
- 15 Throw stewed louse in French dish! (9)
- 16 Move displays to new area, including pottery (9)



- 17 Give voice about how it's visible (7)
- 19 Mad Hatter's warnings (7)
- 20 Cleverly employ right synthetic substance (7)
- 21 Recovered right away when united (6)
- 23 Present-bringer from featureless Antarctica (5)
- 24 For example, tell tale about vassal (5)