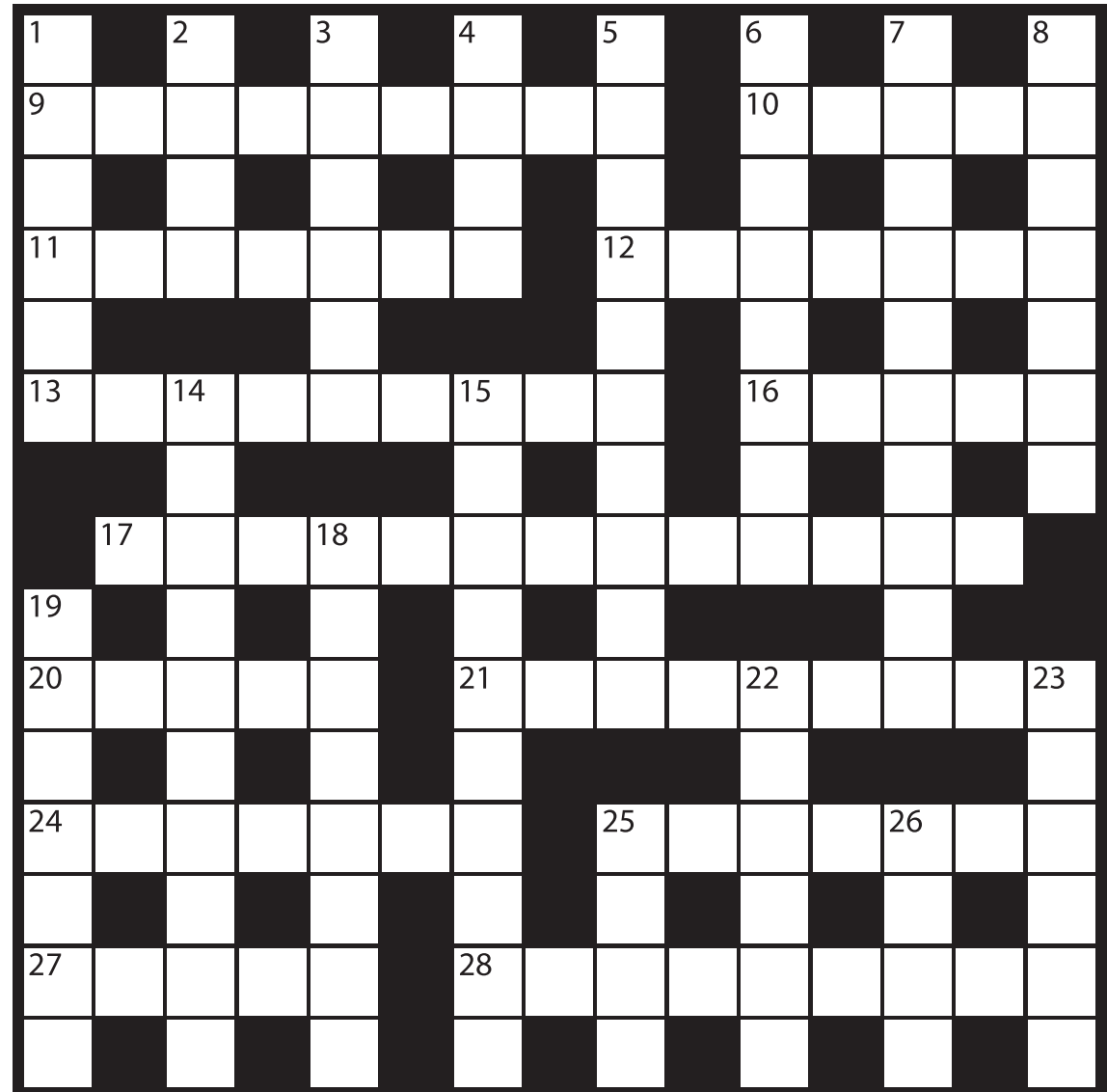


ACROSS

- 9 Inelegant straggling bush (9)
- 10 Three flying around upper air (5)
- 11 Only one sort of square vest (7)
- 12 Father right to cut root vegetable (7)
- 13 Engineer left on board with time for journalistic writing (9)
- 16 Puzzling question for model (5)
- 17 Payment in coins rationed unexpectedly (13)
- 20 Heart-broken world (5)
- 21 Stops concealing fury and puts in peril (9)
- 24 Little Victor, given debts, becomes cruel and violent (7)
- 25 Lassie, perhaps, Orion's companion? (3,4)
- 27 Showed preference for cold pipe (5)
- 28 Dark horse has horrible experience (9)

DOWN

- 1 Crone's wrong person to use blue pencil (6)
- 2 Tribe is able to capture novice (4)
- 3 Bend on the river for fisherman (6)
- 4 Herb a money-maker? (4)
- 5 Came into view again to harvest fruit with editor (10)
- 6 CID Peter disbanded, being old and worn out (8)
- 7 Imitation diamond taken from rock at bottom of German river (10)
- 8 Get ready to cut off agent that's captured (7)
- 14 Measurer of angles supporting farm equipment (10)
- 15 Giving attention to commercial on salad sauce (10)



- 18 Large glass sailing ship (8)
- 19 Religious ceremony seen on the tennis court? (7)
- 22 Deny Tyneside access to garden (6)
- 23 Second statement of beliefs is long piece of writing (6)
- 25 Accommodation at archaeological sites? (4)
- 26 Upmarket public vehicle (4)