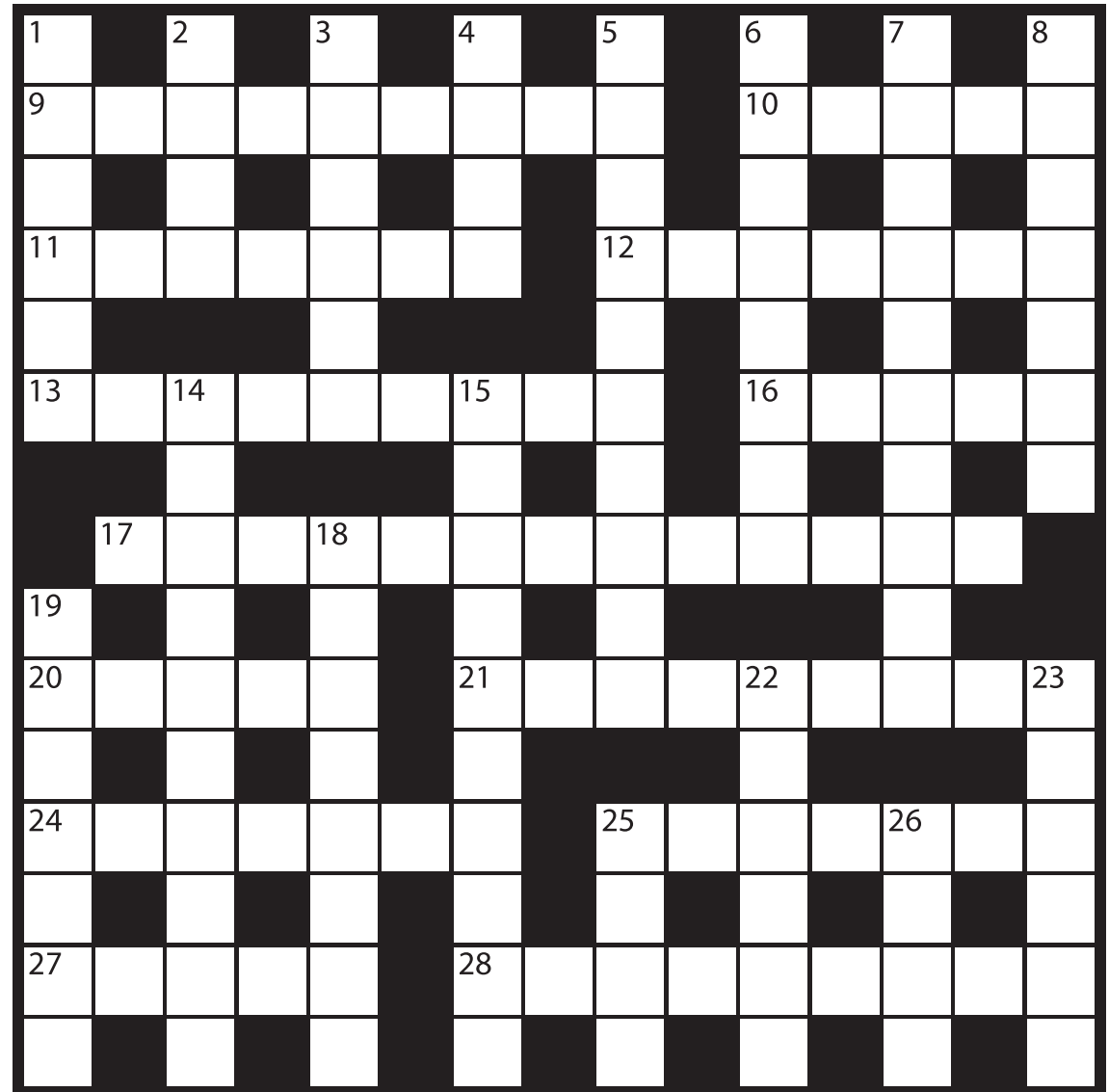


ACROSS

- 9 A girl more affected by such a performance (9)
- 10 Join the French to confuse (5)
- 11 We, with the remainder left inside, struggle (7)
- 12 Sells bicycle parts, by the sound of it (7)
- 13 Little letters let down legal argument (5,4)
- 16 Actors join English class (5)
- 17 Putin returned shattered, without having a break (13)
- 20 Not this parent losing her head (5)
- 21 Signs a tribute to Eddie's cat, strangely (9)
- 24 The heartless nation has a will (7)
- 25 Usual method is popular in a way (7)
- 27 Large number with angling equipment and lobster pot (5)
- 28 Farms torn apart to make a new shape (9)

DOWN

- 1 Gardening tool made from model, spiked wheel (6)
- 2 Lasciviously look round extraordinary leg (4)
- 3 Order to hold up the stocking? (6)
- 4 Solitary advance, we hear (4)
- 5 Fruit harvested outside was seen again (10)
- 6 Give one hat to disadvantage (8)
- 7 A social security payment's money for youngster (10)
- 8 More confused when series broadcast after first of May (7)
- 14 City's victory over another (10)
- 15 Madmen sent round to make corrections (10)
- 18 In general, no marines are with partner (8)



- 19 Useful person not in favour of diplomacy (7)
- 22 Ring in to damn the training (6)
- 23 Cooked meats and yogurt initially, producing lots of vapour (6)
- 25 Study concerning commercial (4)
- 26 Heavy metal press (4)