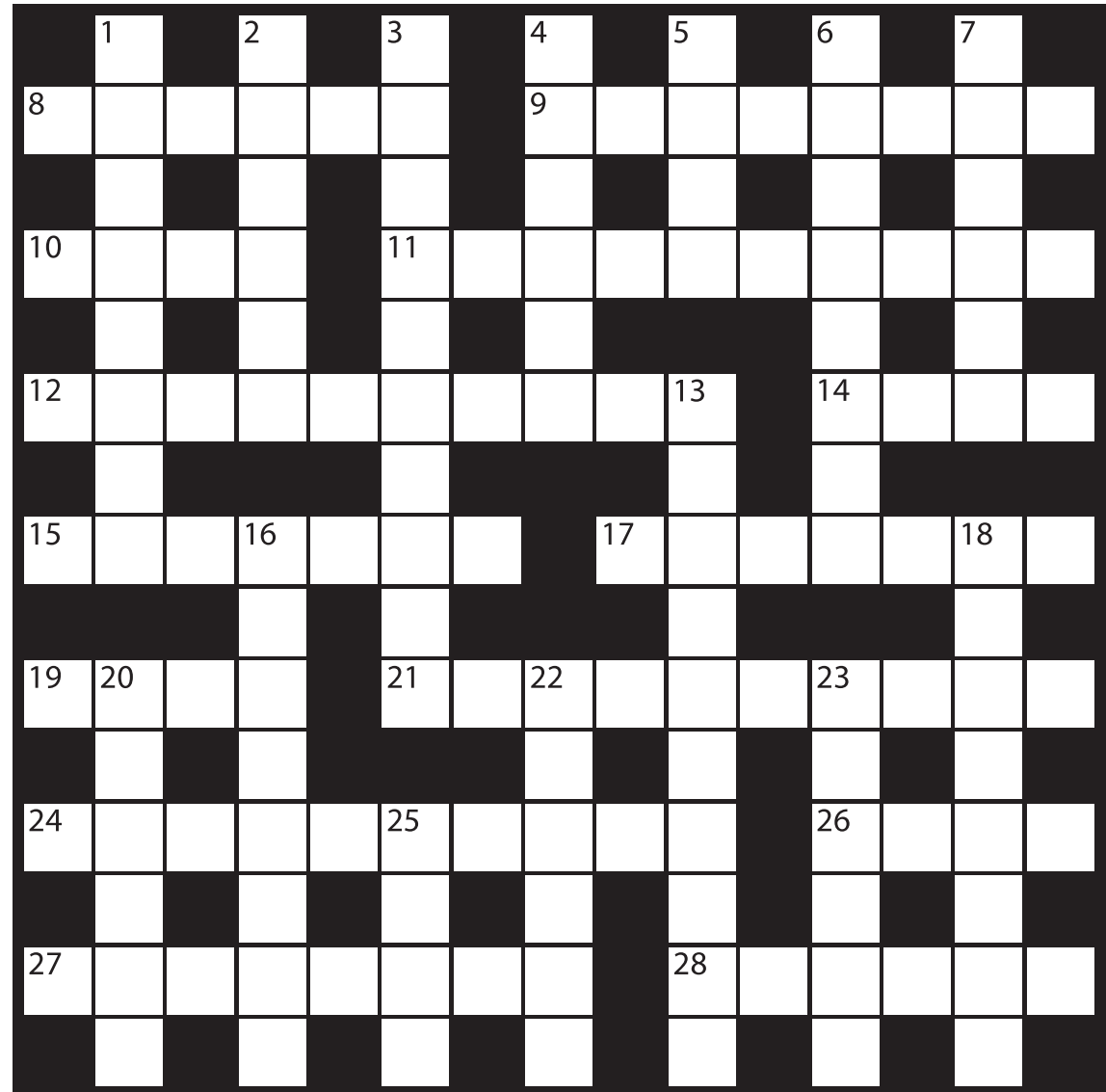


**ACROSS**

- 8 Sight of six is back on (6)
- 9 Oddly, a strict one held to be creative (8)
- 10 Notion I finished, almost finished (4)
- 11 Generous to burn one on board (10)
- 12 Freeing a can swallowed by wild gerbil (10)
- 14 Range of laps to go round (4)
- 15 Old Greek on army unit (7)
- 17 He's not wrong, yet initially shows integrity (7)
- 19 Celebrity wants vermin taken back (4)
- 21 Melody about abstract painter missing a cleaning fluid (10)
- 24 Punctuation mark, perhaps too confusing (10)
- 26 Spice for ceremonial staff (4)
- 27 Punctuation mark written by Don, perhaps, Marine raider (8)
- 28 Turn rubbish into eggs (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Tortured mind will find Dutch building (8)
- 2 Illusion of motorway anger (6)
- 3 Criticise a fight for sort of humour (10)
- 4 Expedition in lands afar, intoxicating (6)
- 5 Case starts to expand taking underwear inside (4)
- 6 Adventure is commercial during flight (8)
- 7 Boost for man, we hear (6)
- 13 Unwanted person's fruit (10)
- 16 Tedious, and terribly sore in time (8)
- 18 Number on a large urban area showing perseverance (8)



- 20 Object raised by poet about to move stealthily (6)
- 22 Bird of prey hit on half of Torbay (6)
- 23 Feature of salad also seen round carpet (6)
- 25 Call for a boxing arena (4)