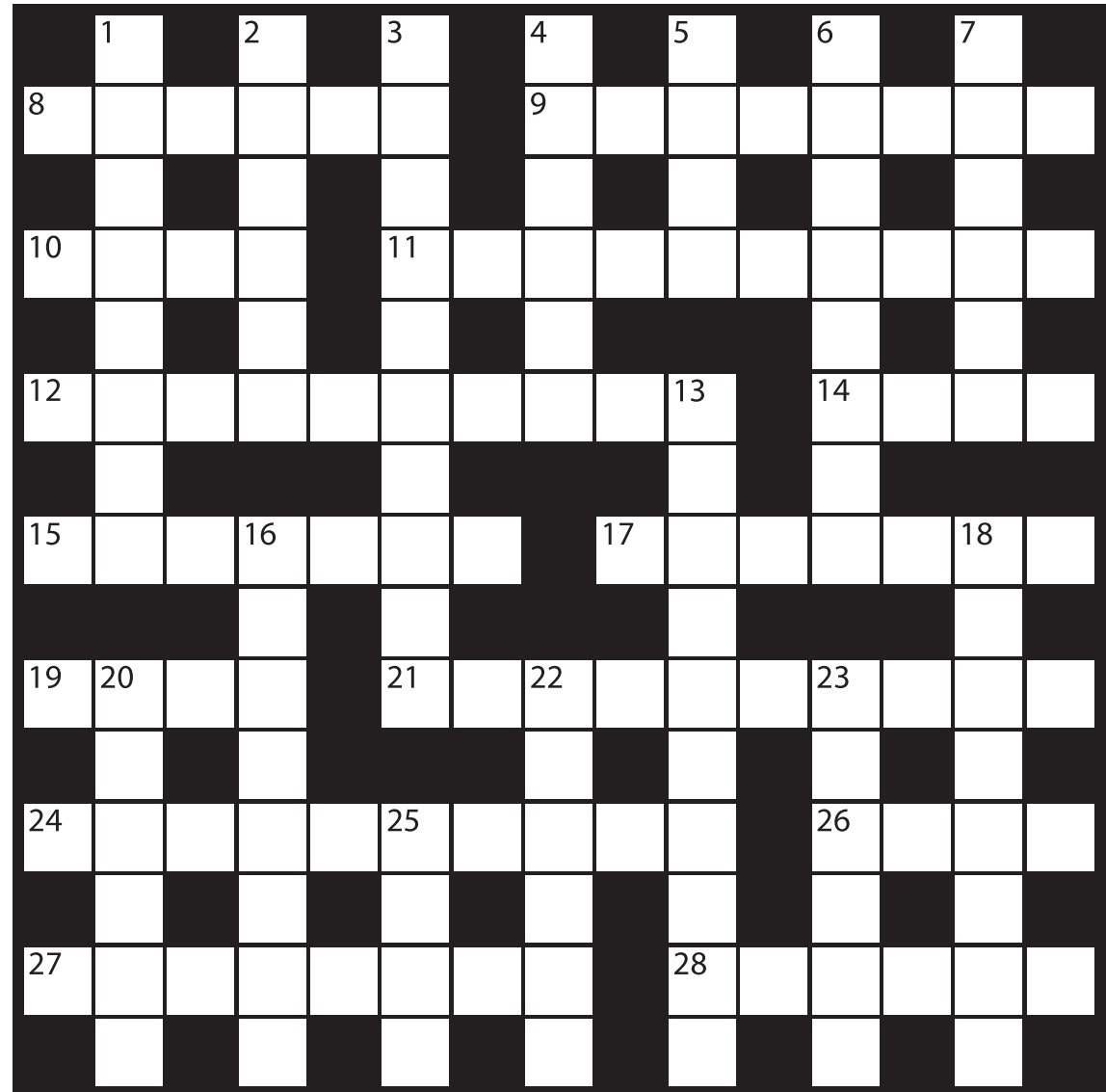


**ACROSS**

- 8 Blackbeard, perhaps, puts deserter into pastry dish (6)
- 9 Regretted departmental chaos, some made redundant (8)
- 10 A jam pot is slightly open (4)
- 11 About to ask for an encore (10)
- 12 Source of temptation at the front of the throat? (5,5)
- 14 Musical symbol – A,B,C,D,F or G? (4)
- 15 Understand messenger's offered leak (7)
- 17 Though terribly rude, she is shown to a seat (7)
- 19 At about eleven, a drinking driver should call for it! (4)
- 21 Prison for small child raised in a cave? (10)
- 24 Ironing, you might say, is going down (10)
- 26 Title of some Latin American (4)
- 27 Fair-weather friend's term of address? (8)
- 28 Spur visible, we hear? (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Mad Jim's due about midnight to form a wrong conclusion (8)
- 2 Either way, it's grass! (6)
- 3 Organises the bottom selections (10)
- 4 Mistake to raise students (4-2)
- 5 Let out when prison sentence is up (4)
- 6 Get in position, for example (8)
- 7 Riposte offered by vessel (6)
- 13 Group of English counties against ale being drunk (4,6)
- 16 Flower – proper flower (8)
- 18 Guess I'm to go into property (8)



- 20 A place for a tree-lined street (6)
- 22 An offer by journalist must be endured (6)
- 23 Little kingdom on a coastline, a little principality (6)
- 25 A group of detectives is bitter (4)