

## ACROSS

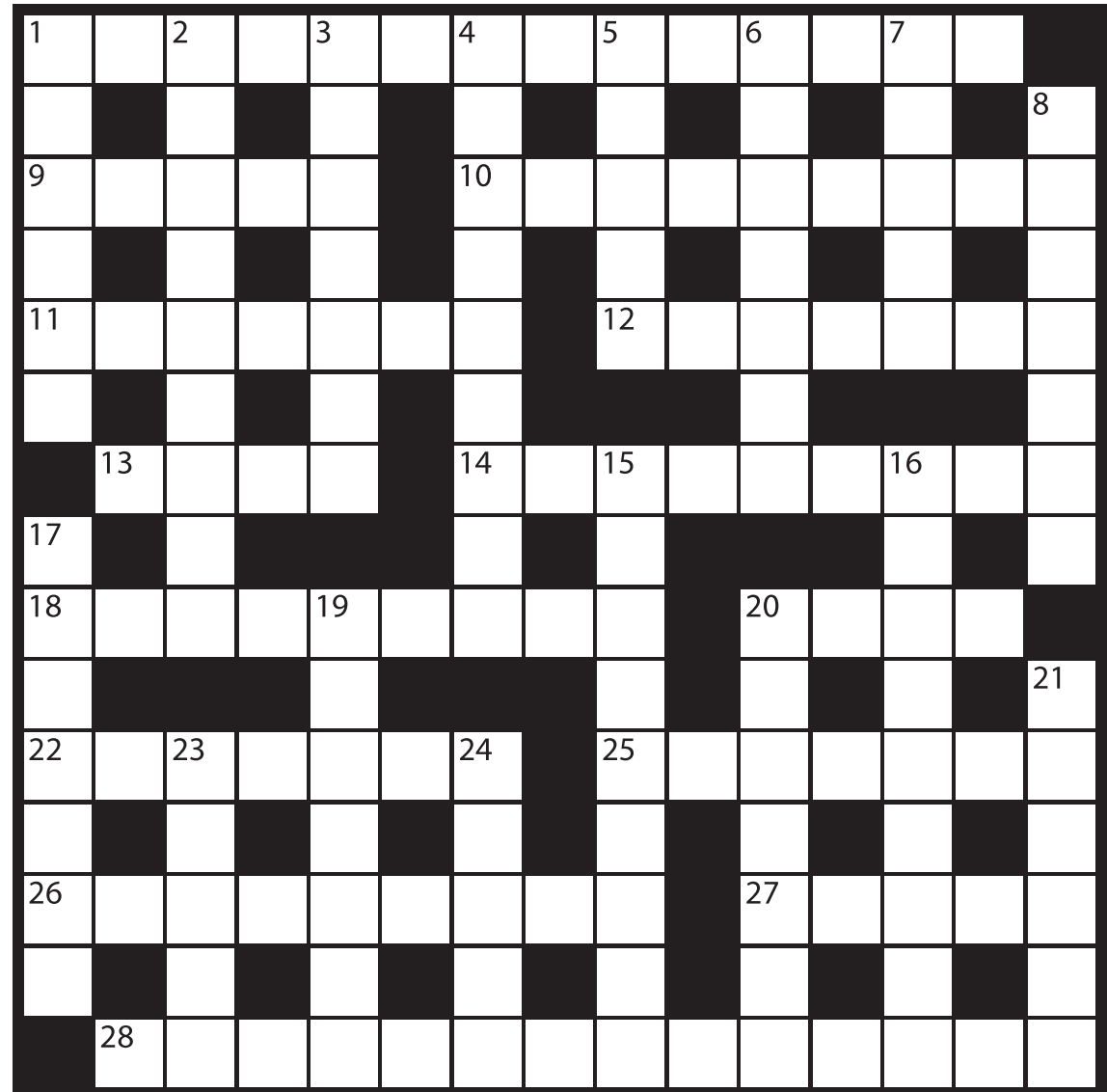
- 1 Humanity expert placed a thorn for game with meaning (14)  
9 Relieves and removes, right away (5)  
10 Attack dogs, ten, kept by pub (9)  
11 Group, one hundred of the highest merit (7)  
12 Footnote beside second muscle (7)  
13 Makes fun of chest bones (4)  
14 Pain caused by hatchet broken about middle of foot (9)  
18 Lady has study on deportment (9)  
20 Nasty ruse, without doubt (4)  
22 Two sailors point to fish sauce (7)  
25 Drink being homely, hotpot its purpose? (3,4)  
26 Can first batsman use this in the kitchen? (3-6)  
27 Concerning female swan about to groom feathers (5)  
28 Careless lads do unearth old manuscripts (4,3,7)

## DOWN

- 1 Cagney vandalised employment bureau (6)  
2 Sat back with two blokes, one from Down Under (9)  
3 Withstands stress I suffered (7)  
4 Royal to name university (9)  
5 Some symbolic items are permitted by law (5)  
6 Embellishment that's gaudy around the North (7)  
7 River course in easy passage (5)  
8 Also I notice internal Pernod flavouring (7)  
15 Upsets open vessels (9)  
16 Physical NCO going round the orient (9)  
17 Synthetic material seen in superb gallery (7)  
19 Hit gently to grab run, but get caught (7)

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- 20 Beat it when one complaining follows direction (7)  
21 Holds inner longing for animals (6)  
23 Get up about noon and wash (5)  
24 Wise Premium Bond selector (5)