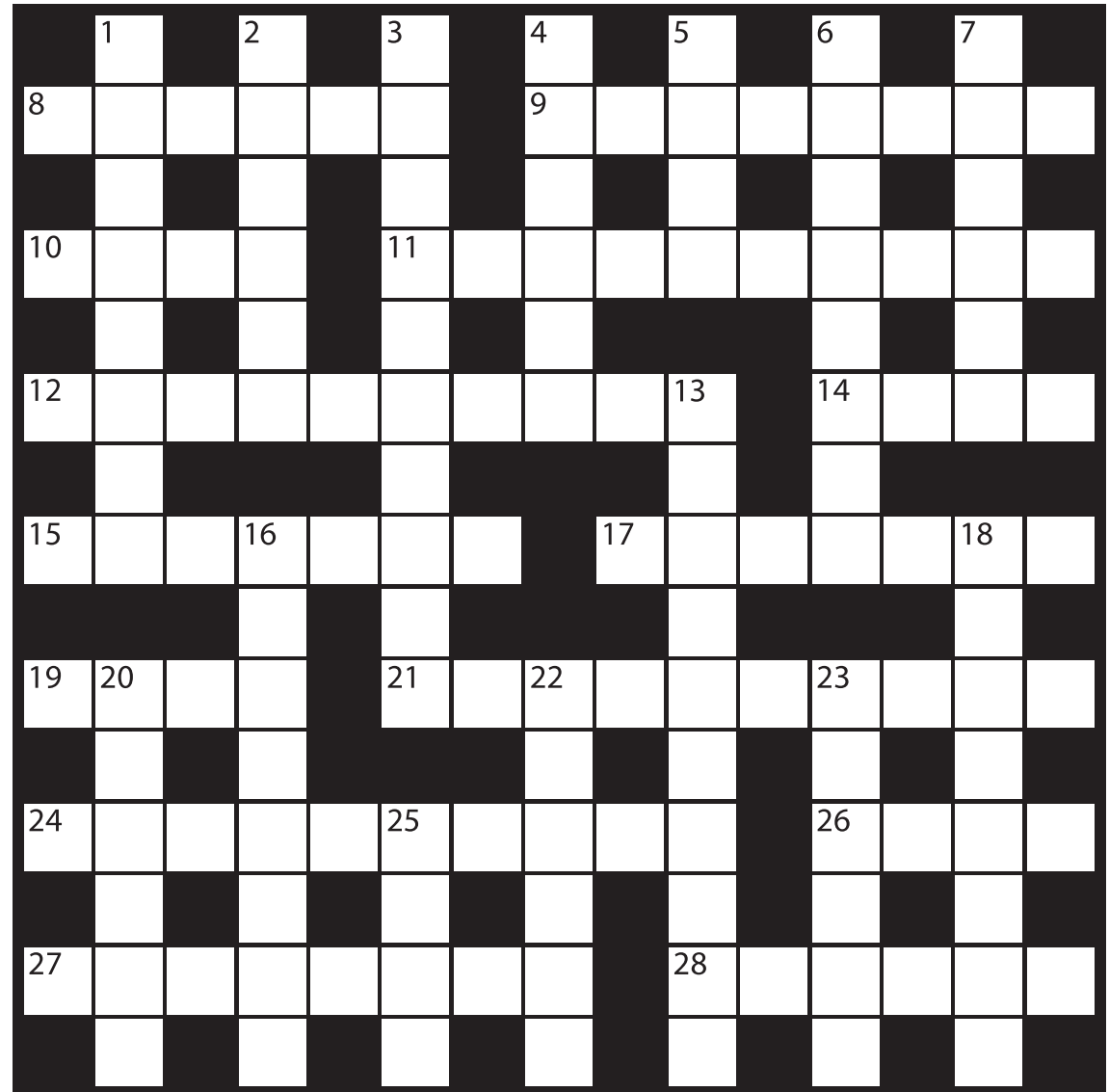


ACROSS

- 8 Not engaged to Hoover worker (6)
- 9 Part of a book that's often removed? (8)
- 10 Final explosion took the front off (4)
- 11 Thanks new cleaner after beginning to brush place of worship (10)
- 12 Realised Don's detour was erratic (10)
- 14 Cut wife buried in layer (4)
- 15 Branch assistant displays part of car (7)
- 17 Most vulgar with or without comedian's opening character (7)
- 19 Care about farmland unit (4)
- 21 Notice sign badly wants dividing up (10)
- 24 Scintillating aspect of studying litter in Guildford (10)
- 26 Require massage, we hear (4)
- 27 Country club rep I upset (8)
- 28 They're behind bars when cop is injured round centre of Luton (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hans reverses round a truck in grassland (8)
- 2 Rodent let out clattering sound (6)
- 3 Figures that are vital to a model (10)
- 4 Tailless primate goes round Malaysian capital to find tropical grass (6)
- 5 Goad football team endlessly (4)
- 6 Filthy cigarette residue in single container (8)
- 7 Raised edge on blue cushion (6)
- 13 Durham town dear to one's heart (10)
- 16 Scrambles up crest on top of mountain range (8)
- 18 Life perhaps can be represented in a few words (8)



- 20 Rang everyone taken in by last month's upturn (6)
- 22 Grasp part of foot after chisel drops inside (6)
- 23 In New York, initially, I make a profit over 89 (6)
- 25 Somewhere else to house fish (4)