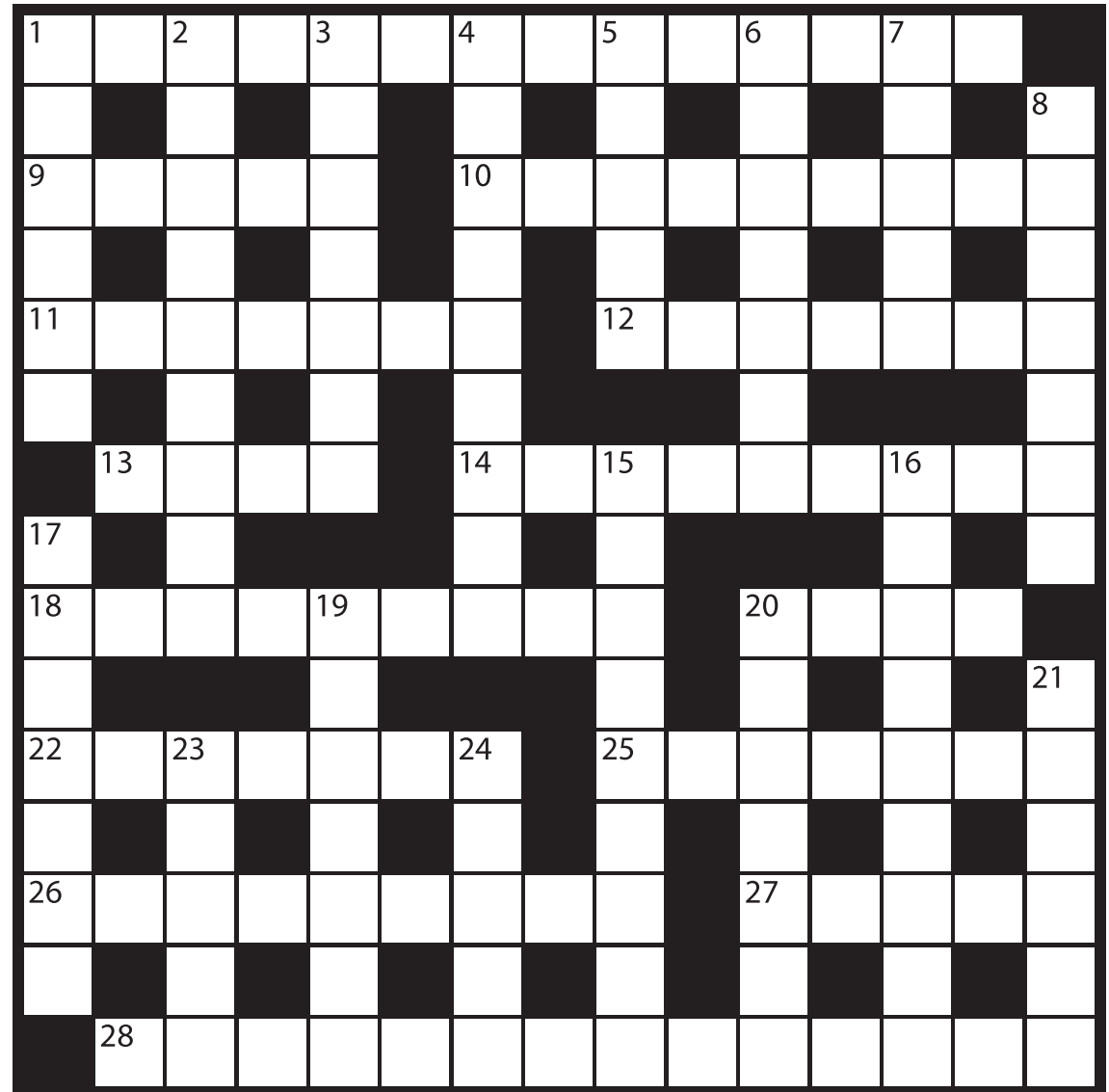


ACROSS

- 1 Tiddler's tail we cleansed with purified liquid (9,5)
- 9 Approaches with some within earshot (5)
- 10 Refining of already long drink (4,2,3)
- 11 Former Prime Minister eats her stew (7)
- 12 Make an earnest request during centre attractions (7)
- 13 Bart – terribly unruly child (4)
- 14 Diana's mood due to animal illness (9)
- 18 Fresh run on the presses (9)
- 20 Cry about new pretentious person (4)
- 22 Cecil is removing winter spikes (7)
- 25 Rebellious unruly trio giving love to America (7)
- 26 Wild description of missile? (9)
- 27 Appearance of noisy supporters (5)
- 28 Second festive gift? (3,6,5)

DOWN

- 1 Mean not to be in river (6)
- 2 Untidy dresser has second thought, to talk big (9)
- 3 Check tiny creature crushes piano (7)
- 4 Placed ideally in tree (9)
- 5 Song that's 'Blue Ridge' composition (5)
- 6 Follower found beer all over the mail (7)
- 7 Rub out some howler, as erroneous (5)
- 8 You and I are second to rent out cowboy film (7)
- 15 Accountant during trial is awfully sarcastic (9)
- 16 Composer is top golfer of Kiev, surprisingly (9)
- 17 Batting with leg ring is neither here nor there (2,5)



- 19 Reader of lines from hymn composer missing son (7)
- 20 Leader of Slade recorded hit (7)
- 21 American, that lady's escorts (6)
- 23 According to the constitution, it's relative (2-3)
- 24 Celebrity clutches one instrument (5)