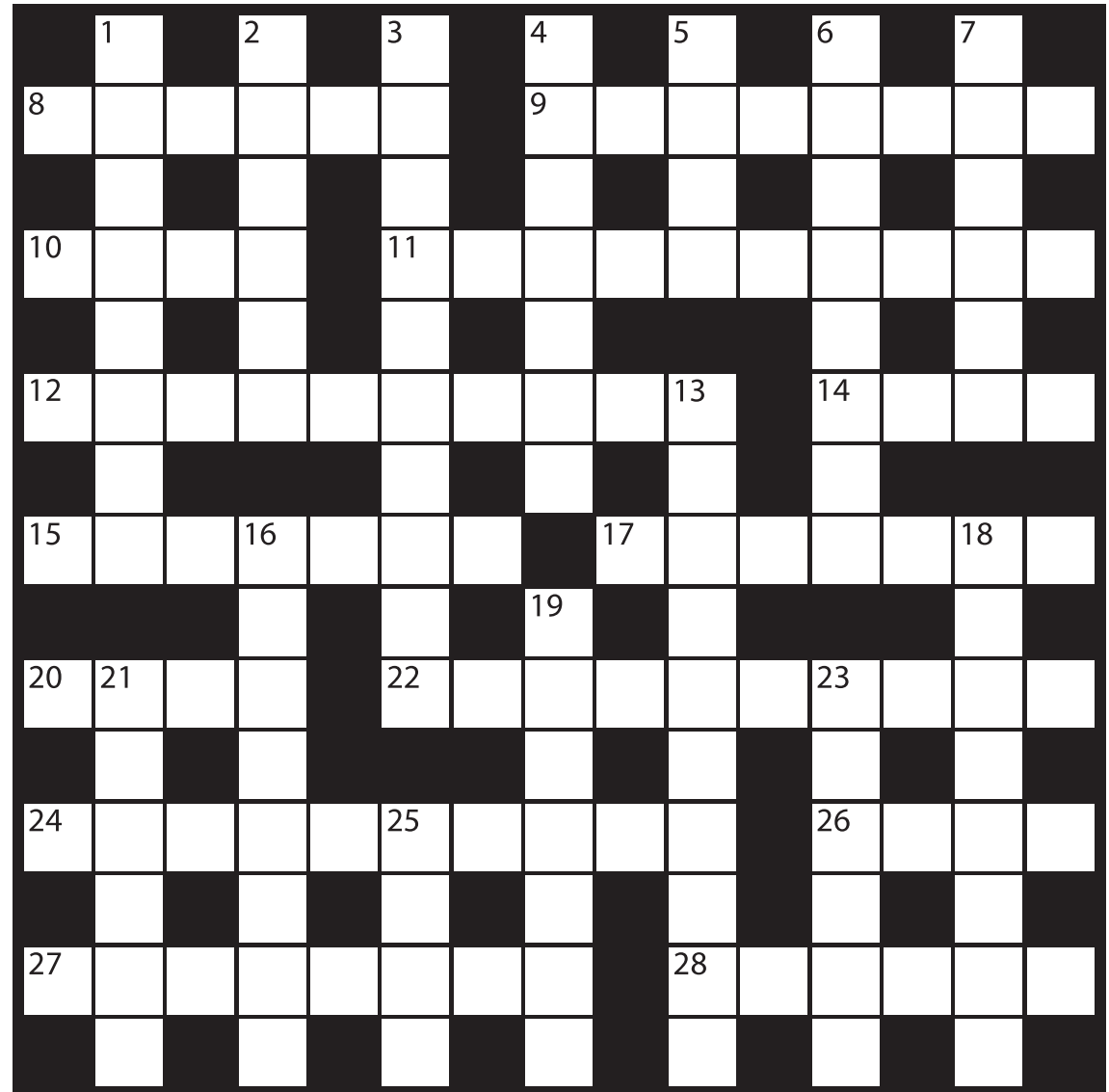


ACROSS

- 8 Attack fee (6)
- 9 Circle round every one, getting there (8)
- 10 Sword with three points keeping quiet (4)
- 11 Useless purpose, sea fogs (3-7)
- 12 Flower in autumn – it's developing round river (10)
- 14 Fighting unit mad without leader (4)
- 15 Airport desk where payment received, they say (5,2)
- 17 Soft soap for cloth (7)
- 20 Sounds like the animal is naked (4)
- 22 The box I've stolen, I destroyed (10)
- 24 That lacier embroidery, dramatic (10)
- 26 Old cloth on table finally brings anger (4)
- 27 Horses' discipline to put on clothes on time (8)
- 28 Number going into seventy, ten indeed, when reversed (6)

DOWN

- 1 Neck injury clean round joint at top of leg (8)
- 2 Religious type with unusual stripe (6)
- 3 Sweet hot stuff, perfect (10)
- 4 Burglary to interrupt conversation? (5-2)
- 5 Mexican crisp in coat, ruined (4)
- 6 Religious type wanting tea without milk or sugar? (8)
- 7 County of Northern Ireland where social worker on edge (6)
- 13 Man with new novel given time to become spiteful (10)
- 16 Five in creases, smoothed out crack (8)



- 18 Nothing in a gentle, moving stretch (8)
- 19 Elks can somehow become loose (7)
- 21 Stick poster in this place (6)
- 23 Season to jump (6)
- 25 Papers are wrong over head of Mafia (4)