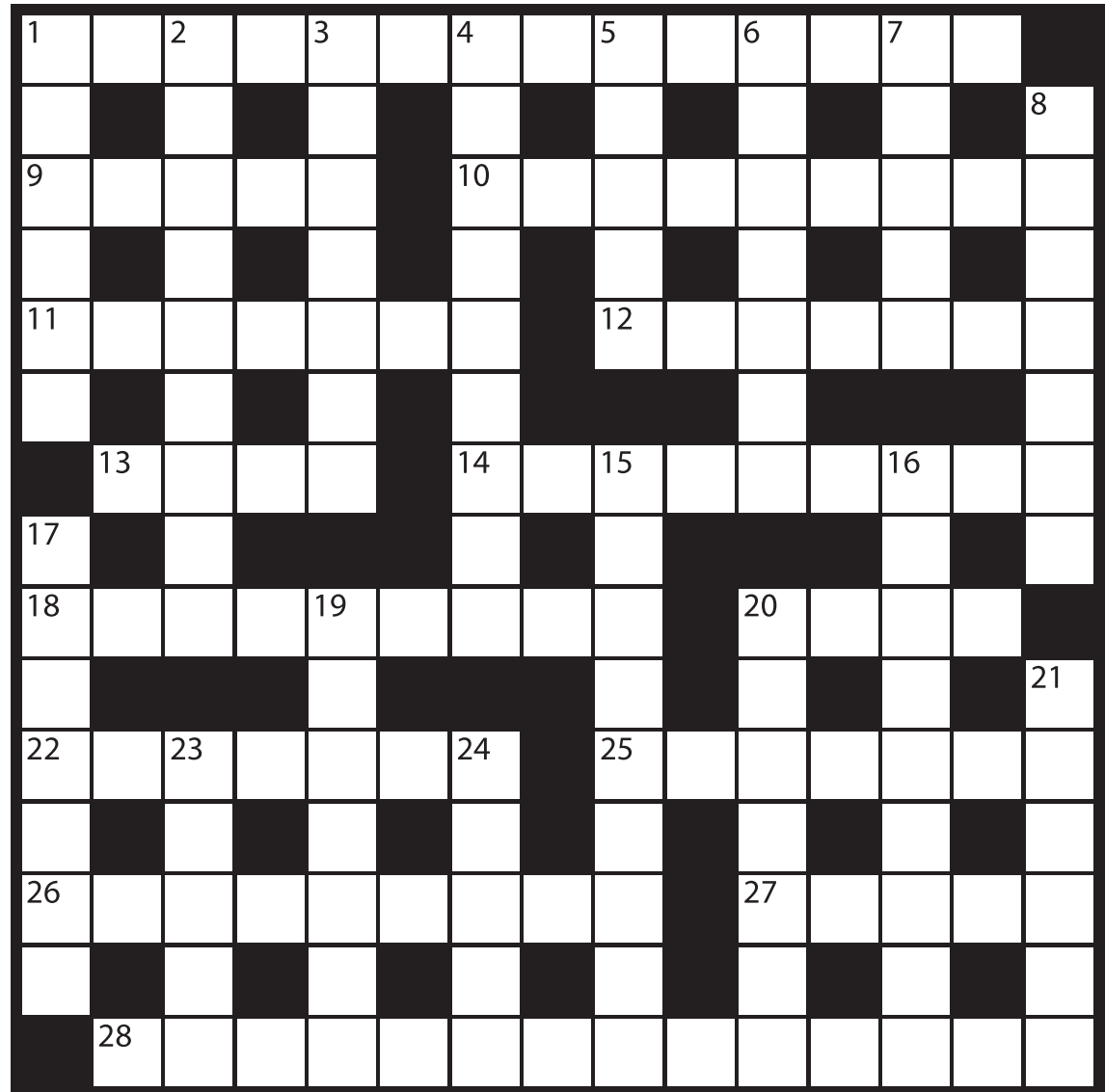


ACROSS

- 1 Pithiness, every outcome is touchy (14)
- 9 Rotates large vases after time (5)
- 10 Soldier is in to sell publicly owned companies (9)
- 11 Awfully ironic about son cutting tooth (7)
- 12 Fabrics per yard, as arranged (7)
- 13 Hard up sailor snares first fish (4)
- 14 Woodworker to find fault with join (9)
- 18 Rejected, having governed too much? (9)
- 20 Lot of money for something which explodes (4)
- 22 More swollen up if ref gets fouled (7)
- 25 Laid-up inside, Fred flounced (7)
- 26 Thanks to king, put in job as janitor (9)
- 27 I carp about island (5)
- 28 Corny issue resolved, bank on formal ending (5,9)

DOWN

- 1 Idle chatter gives balloonists a lift (3,3)
- 2 Standard pilot skirts building to come down to earth (9)
- 3 Withstands stress I suffered (7)
- 4 Pragmatic claimer about to grab sleuth (9)
- 5 Recoiled when one's in hut (5)
- 6 Scone made Kate ace (3-4)
- 7 I love intricate material (5)
- 8 Tungsten found in crumbling Orkney city (3,4)
- 15 Tough old stick has new Ford Orion (3,2,4)
- 16 Let me sip a cocktail during interval (4-5)
- 17 Company representative undertaking to produce a cosmetics case (7)
- 19 Confused rioters revel noisily (7)



- 20 Roll, British one, colour not right (7)
- 21 Peculiar thing, rum, it goes to your head (6)
- 23 Nearly didn't remember sacrifice (5)
- 24 Garden tools heading off male ducks (5)