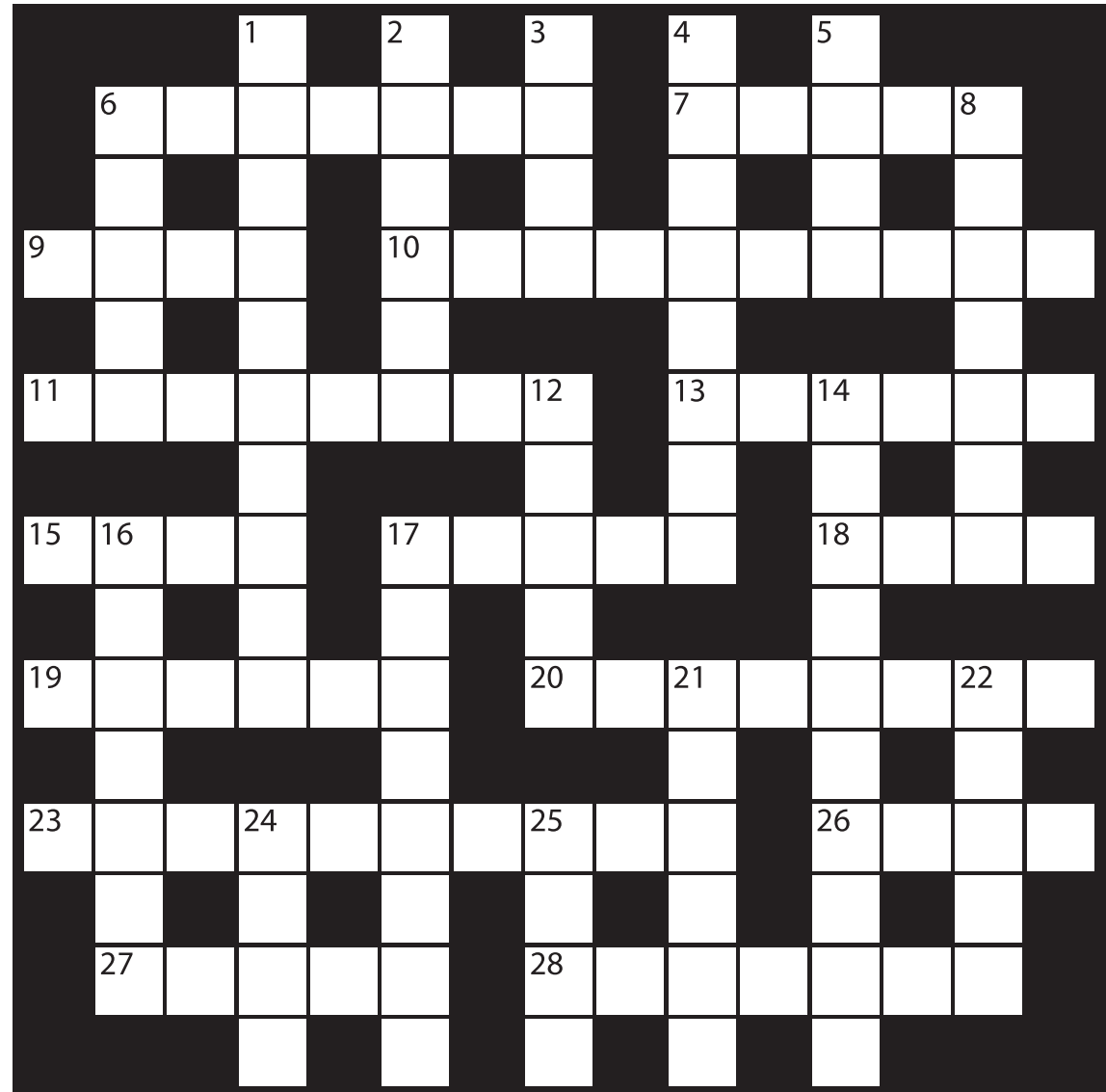


**ACROSS**

- 6 Hug yours truly all over and hold tight! (7)
- 7 Adrift in the deep blue? (2,3)
- 9 Good-looking blonde (4)
- 10 Where one might find hot goods is uncertain (2,3,5)
- 11 Do enamel wrong, having this! (8)
- 13 Don't start roast? Blooming go to a restaurant! (3,3)
- 15 Food store I managed to turn around (4)
- 17 A French town near raspberry-coloured houses (5)
- 18 Damn rodents! (4)
- 19 Head over with soprano for wild revels (6)
- 20 I did rant after smashing up island (8)
- 23 Armaments I exploded in the middle of the road (10)
- 26 American jerk! (4)
- 27 Most note Georgia is a kingdom in the Pacific! (5)
- 28 Popular nurse with small plans (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Scottish city dweller and a bore in Barking (10)
- 2 Father welcoming a deity in a temple (6)
- 3 Pure smack brought over, then cut with ecstasy (4)
- 4 How to have less kids without friends? (8)
- 5 Muck, possibly, one's left on bottom of shoe (4)
- 6 Raise spirits of dead following third of spells (5)
- 8 Broadcast a noble Italian story (7)
- 12 Winger feels bad about avoiding the wings (5)



- 14 Trying to play around with fire is frightfully appalling (10)
- 16 Stylish posh girl about to be hugged by English six-footer (7)
- 17 One likely to bark order at a snail! (8)
- 21 Prisoner within China (6)
- 22 Gold books given to son and family members (5)
- 24 Two articles written about old relative (4)
- 25 Leader of European spacestation (4)