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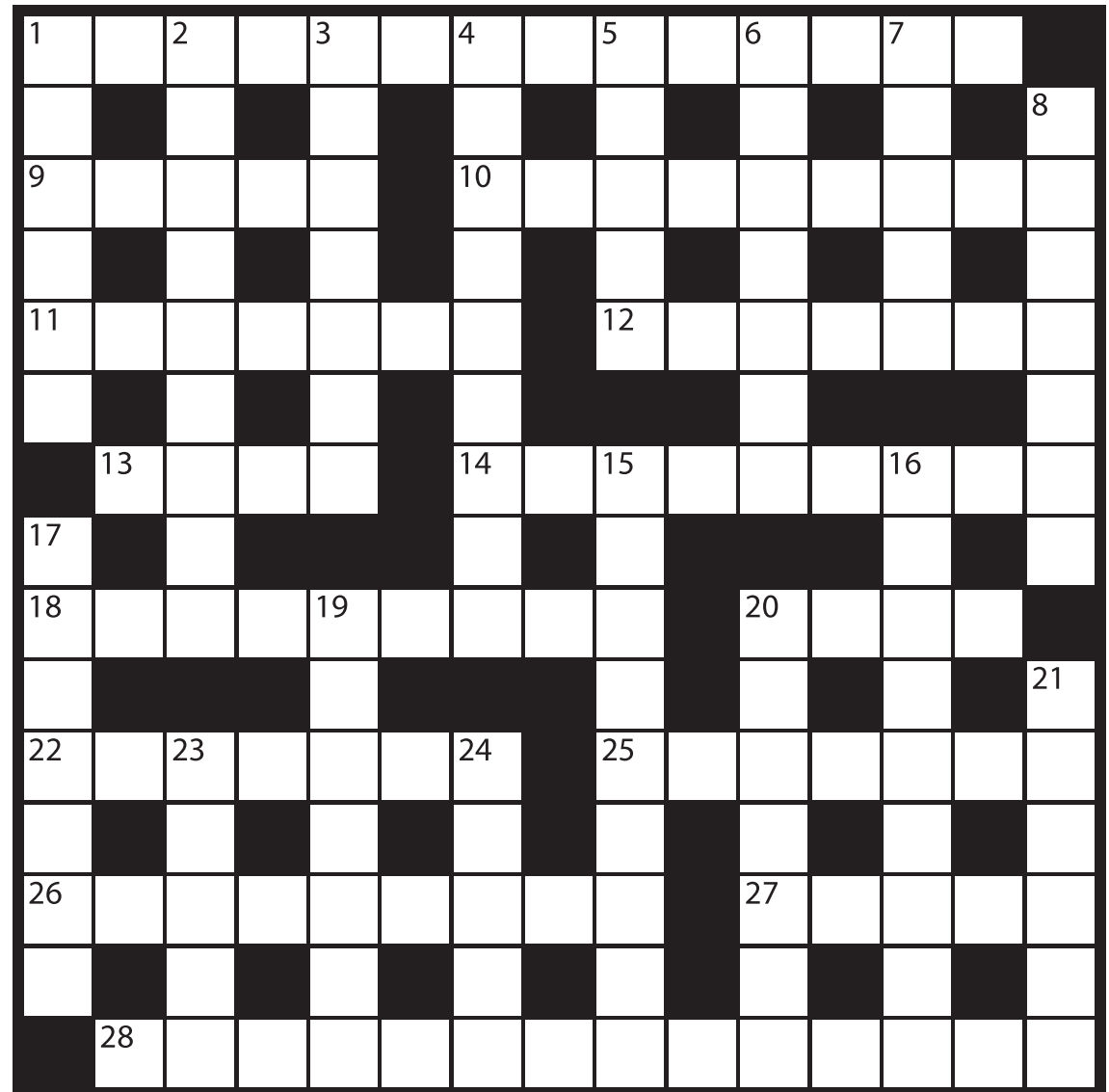
- 1 Tiddler's tail we cleansed with purified liquid (9,5)
- 9 I'd followed vessel for deity (5)
- 10 BBC programme has modern things broadcast (9)
- 11 On edge over sun damage (7)
- 12 Repents destroying reptile (7)
- 13 Fail to catch young lady (4)
- 14 Ungraceful in a gentle sort of way (9)
- 18 Last part of story needing silence, we hear (9)
- 20 In a panic, a gerbil kept here? (4)
- 22 Bring charge against little devil, and individually (7)
- 25 Adult is awfully wrong to get out of bed (5-2)
- 26 State capital's loveless ceremony (9)
- 27 Lower yourself to hear European resident (5)
- 28 Rising in haste, can't end badly (2,3,9)

DOWN

- 1 European community in depression – that's good (6)
- 2 Place umpires in car (9)
- 3 Popular entrances under cover (7)
- 4 Dangerous slip experienced by very popular candidate (9)
- 5 Realisation sinks in it belongs to Ms French (5)
- 6 Trainee flustered by national course (7)
- 7 Bird biting head off dog (5)
- 8 Law taking time in work of sculptor (7)
- 15 Active, with endless go, before name's raised (9)
- 16 A right polite fellow in a foreign country (9)

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- 17 Initially moving fast, it's about right (2,5)
- 19 Just uttered a word of surprise on seeing Egyptian king (7)
- 20 Caught two boys in Greater London town (7)
- 21 Fasten peg inside instrument (6)
- 23 Assemble cane to support initial pistachio nut (5)
- 24 Animal's laugh suppresses longing (5)