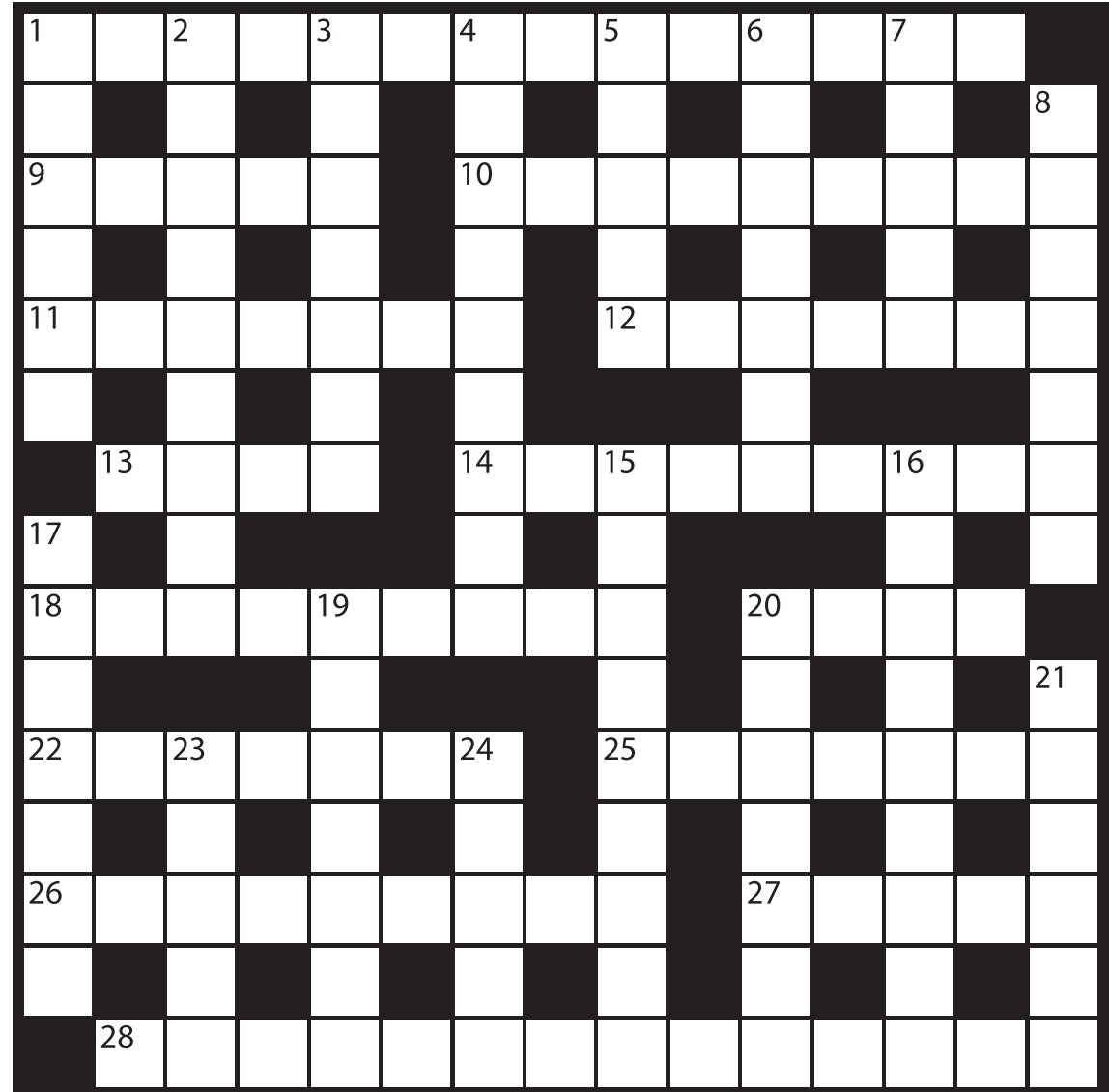


ACROSS

- 1 Flying officer broadcast bad habit to control (3,4-7)
- 9 Help needed to get on a horse (3-2)
- 10 Put honey back under a spring vegetable (9)
- 11 Master returns with German dish (7)
- 12 Mysterious tomb with diamonds lacking finish (7)
- 13 Spheres or bends, no conclusion (4)
- 14 European country takes a learner in to another country (9)
- 18 Don't give up, for each difficult (9)
- 20 River in Hades with dirty home that's wrong (4)
- 22 Need about twenty-five sheets of paper (7)
- 25 Flow out from mean tea, stirred (7)
- 26 Upsets open vessels (9)
- 27 State short of sodium for country (5)
- 28 Pithiness, every outcome is touchy (14)

DOWN

- 1 Charm everyone beside river (6)
- 2 Record-keeper in the hospital (9)
- 3 Drive up items for distribution (7)
- 4 Complicated tale a bore spun (9)
- 5 Jelly seen in Maria's picture (5)
- 6 Second appeal for aerosol (7)
- 7 Slang used in cargo terminal (5)
- 8 Indifferent to friends at a function (7)
- 15 Novelist destroyed sonnets about wartime victory (9)
- 16 Placed ideally in conifer (9)
- 17 Bird making din by box (7)



- 19 Biblical letter, ie, spelt out (7)
- 20 His wail disturbed language (7)
- 21 Threat for people, top card (6)
- 23 Conquer your inner doubt (5)
- 24 Deserves tangled snare (5)