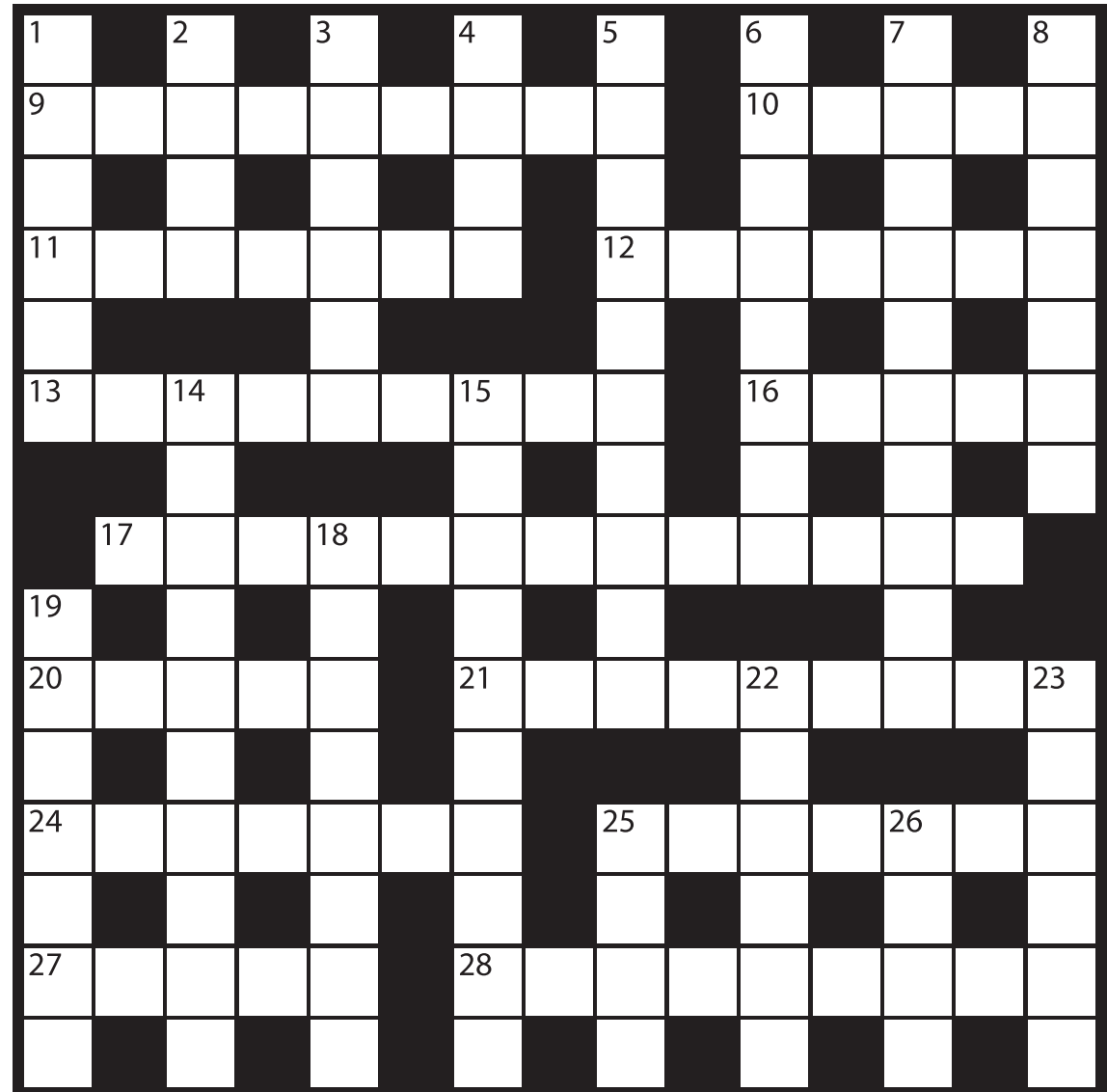


ACROSS

- 9 Tortured souls captured by tiny dictator (9)
- 10 River all will arrive at (5)
- 11 Communist with record for bureaucracy (3,4)
- 12 Relative with article, dirty (7)
- 13 Member is not in time to make laws (9)
- 16 Weapon cavalry leader found in little road (5)
- 17 Retaliation offensive when playing Ludo, perhaps? (7-6)
- 20 Chap in charge is crazy (5)
- 21 Having died, tree destroyed, torn apart by defensive weapon (9)
- 24 Order artist back to mountain chain (7)
- 25 Inferior writer observed cutting tool (7)
- 27 Devious males in witch-hunt town (5)
- 28 Hill guide is a sadist (9)

DOWN

- 1 Lacking standards in morning exam (6)
- 2 Employed American journalist (4)
- 3 Swamp where gold is found in bulk (6)
- 4 Colliery belonging to me (4)
- 5 Junior officer to stay with university rent-payer (10)
- 6 Couple allowed to see ornamental wrist chain (8)
- 7 Place of worship with nacre worked into item of furniture (10)
- 8 Weather heard from above, this is disappearing beneath (7)
- 14 Basic principle of soil regulation (6,4)
- 15 Corrections sent men mad, crazy (10)
- 18 Familiar appellation for one in prison? (8)



- 19 Deadlock father's fitted in newly-built semi (7)
- 22 Din made by a tennis bat? (6)
- 23 Going in direction of hospital room (6)
- 25 Rhea changed into another animal (4)
- 26 Brewed teas satisfy fully (4)