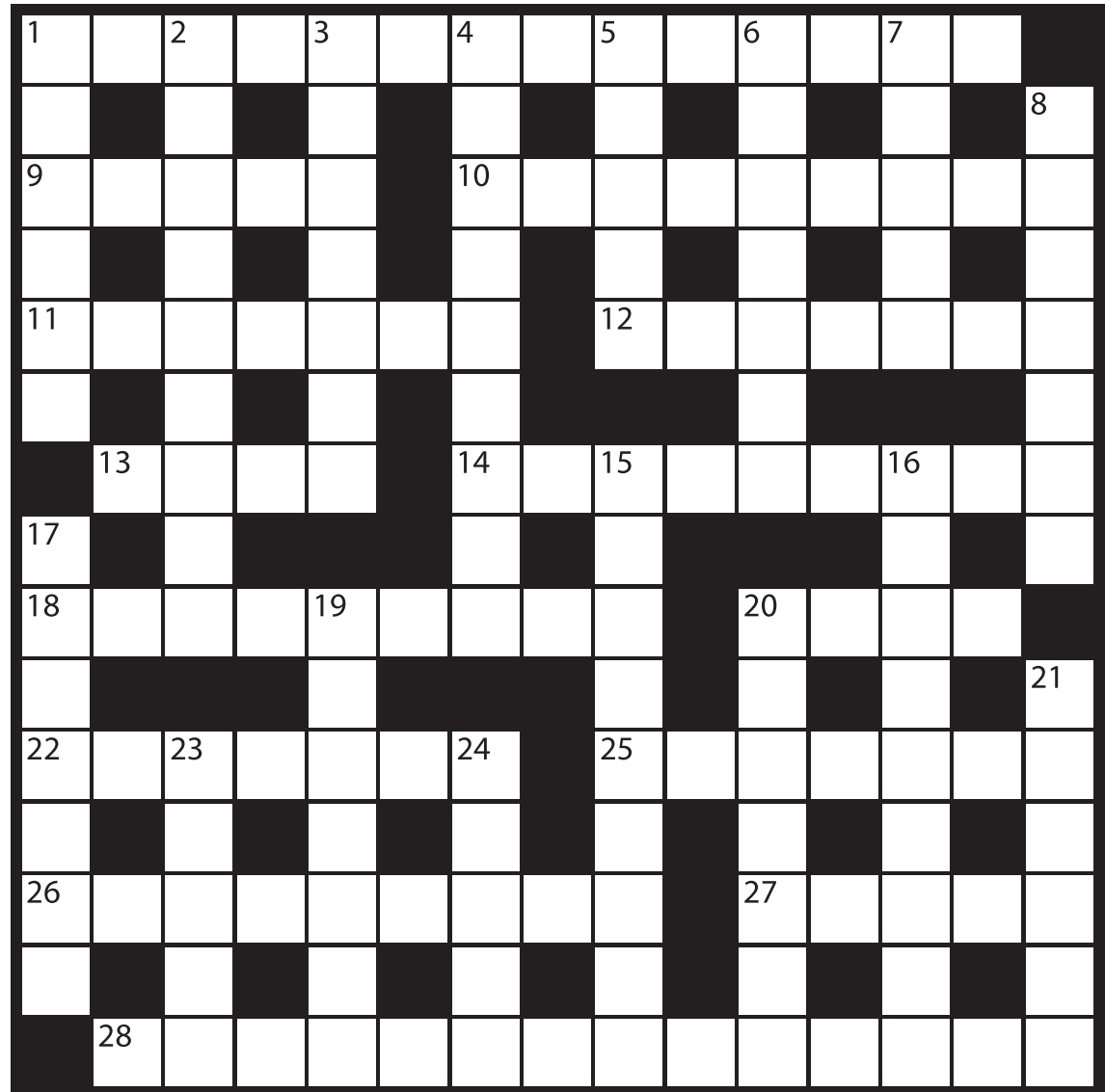


**ACROSS**

- 1 Where pieces move is universal (6,3,5)
- 9 Man to perform a piece of music (5)
- 10 Peacekeepers not affected? That's strange (9)
- 11 Person who's unsure when infected, injected with carbon (7)
- 12 Pig tore around – such selfish behaviour (3,4)
- 13 Instructs architect to carry a ruler (4)
- 14 Momentous to go into reported origin of earthquake (9)
- 18 Artificial language operates badly round North (9)
- 20 Look for and find king (4)
- 22 Mean to provide inside information (3-4)
- 25 Compete inside, get wind if carrying more weight (7)
- 26 Feeling poorly as a result of stale tincture? (3-6)
- 27 Permission to depart (5)
- 28 City to grow vegetable (8,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Threatened to enquire about shortened journey (2,4)
- 2 Beans showing, but they aren't the first (7-2)
- 3 Attacking player with small nose (7)
- 4 Once hurt badly by entrance to nearby club (9)
- 5 Man Irene confused (5)
- 6 Result not in, has to arrive (7)
- 7 Less common, and more lightly cooked (5)
- 8 Shoe for skater? (7)
- 15 Map lines joining island with mother's place (9)



- 16 Do take him out to comic opera (3,6)
- 17 Letter from America? (7)
- 19 Rebellious unruly trio giving love to America (7)
- 20 Decorative edge on mollusc (7)
- 21 Minister snoops by the square (6)
- 23 In conflict, vacant force takes the biscuit (5)
- 24 Ring in organ is for loop of rope (5)