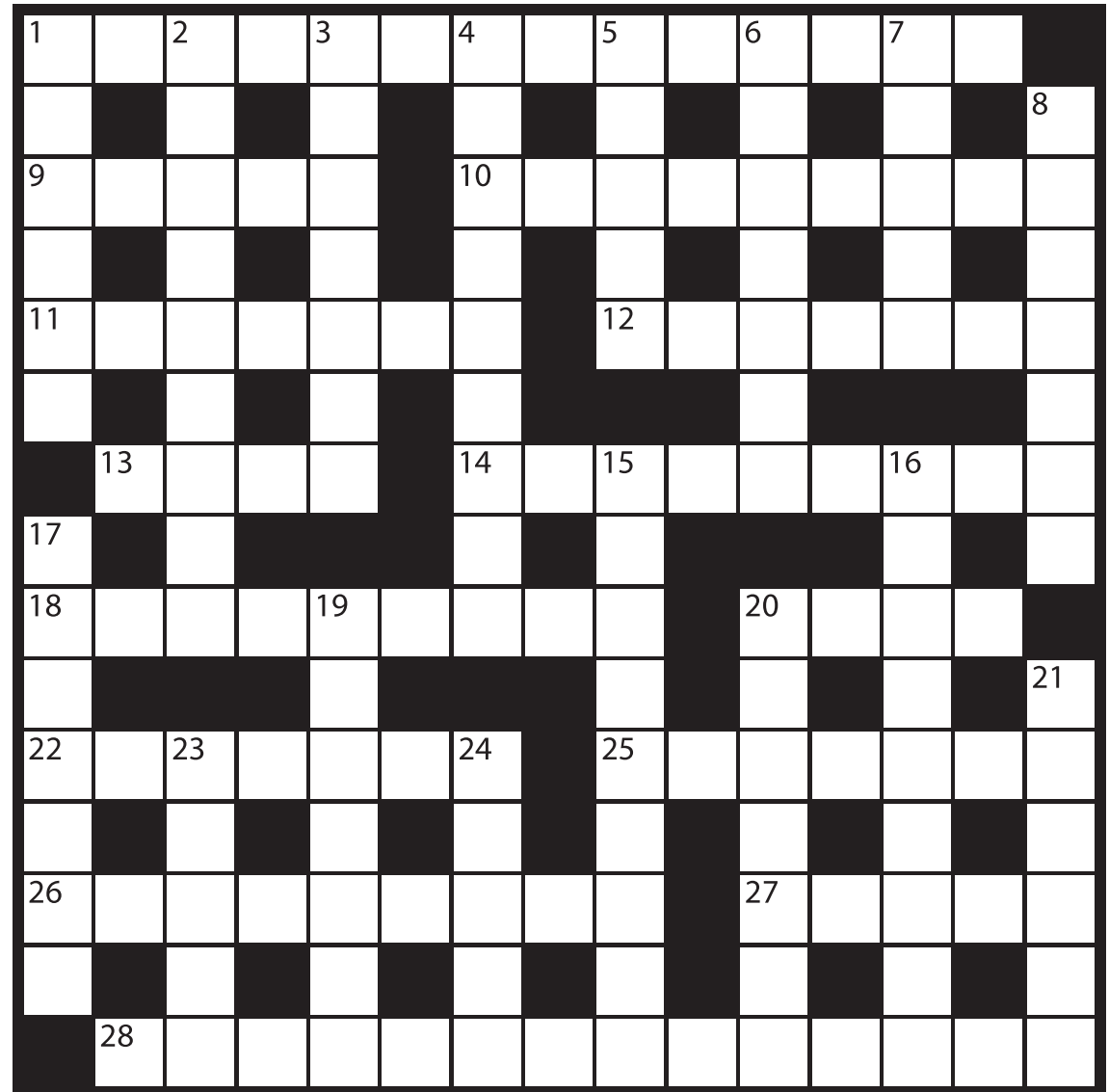


ACROSS

- 1 Follow churchman and opposition politician (6,8)
- 9 Cathy wrecked sailing boat (5)
- 10 Unknown competitor, nightmare? (4,5)
- 11 Flirt's only holding back for breathing space (7)
- 12 Free fermented lager – ta! (2,5)
- 13 Nora disturbed Florence's flower (4)
- 14 I'm to have wine with worker of great significance (9)
- 18 Arthur's beginning to upset Lancelot without warning (3,2,4)
- 20 Boy to assess exam paper (4)
- 22 Bird with top of head removed by rustic (7)
- 25 From an island being kind of cross (7)
- 26 From Europe, a refusal wearing off (9)
- 27 Perfect hiding place is inside a loaf (5)
- 28 Dutch general, an outcast, isn't chuckling at the time (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 Uttering motto (6)
- 2 Hereditary, coming from Lancaster (9)
- 3 Oration about Canadian province (7)
- 4 Maybe bronze cat as jewellery item (9)
- 5 Girl who's not quite natural (5)
- 6 Academic vacation inside cliff (7)
- 7 Heading off naughty child is a mistake (5)
- 8 Reminder to hold ornate net as souvenir (7)
- 15 Disease developing in one puma (9)
- 16 Chaps involved in a welcome contract (9)
- 17 Unrestrained, a politician during wild, impassioned speech (7)
- 19 Part-exchange of French coach is outside (5-2)



- 20 Working in the cowshed and exploiting the situation? (7)
- 21 Cashier is narrator (6)
- 23 Blood vessel discovered in Australia or Tasmania (5)
- 24 Sampled last of cider in new diet (5)