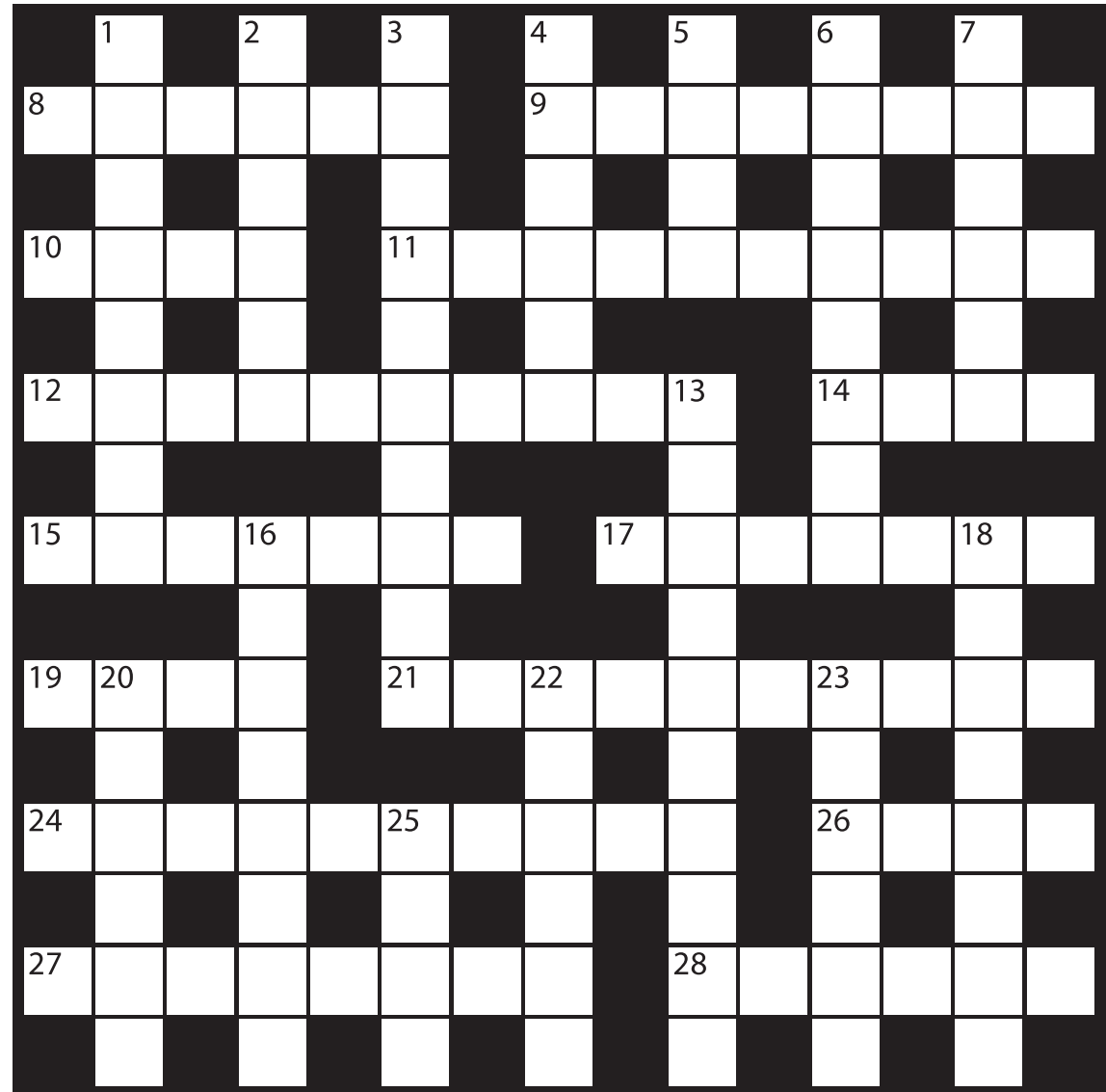


ACROSS

- 8 Exist as a prisoner, a guiding light (6)
- 9 It may go to your head at a party (5,3)
- 10 Sketch king in pose (4)
- 11 Hardware seller gets started in untidy inner room (10)
- 12 Criminal element following man (10)
- 14 Throw a coin towards ship (4)
- 15 Eccentric person not even attending dance (7)
- 17 Country dance I messed up around lake (7)
- 19 Reportedly strain to see large jetty (4)
- 21 Cows had run off at early birdsong (4,6)
- 24 They're identical, nevertheless (3,3,4)
- 26 Idiot giving sharp movement (4)
- 27 Wise to maintain character in early times (5,3)
- 28 Does well with fish, catching ninety (6)

DOWN

- 1 Seaman asks for all the playing-cards, and some of them! (4-4)
- 2 Blade offered for chesty problems (6)
- 3 Matchless villa under construction (10)
- 4 Shoot, producing stupor (6)
- 5 Charts turned up showing tinned meat (4)
- 6 Before birth, needing parental guidance? (8)
- 7 Pet is tender to a point (6)
- 13 Terribly direct echo rebounded (10)
- 16 Singer, don't allow Italian one (8)
- 18 Those neither on one side nor the other crashing Renaults (8)



- 20 Small bays, awfully silent (6)
- 22 Mammals in the country, we hear (6)
- 23 Aim to lodge a protest (6)
- 25 Dash into tunnel, a new one (4)