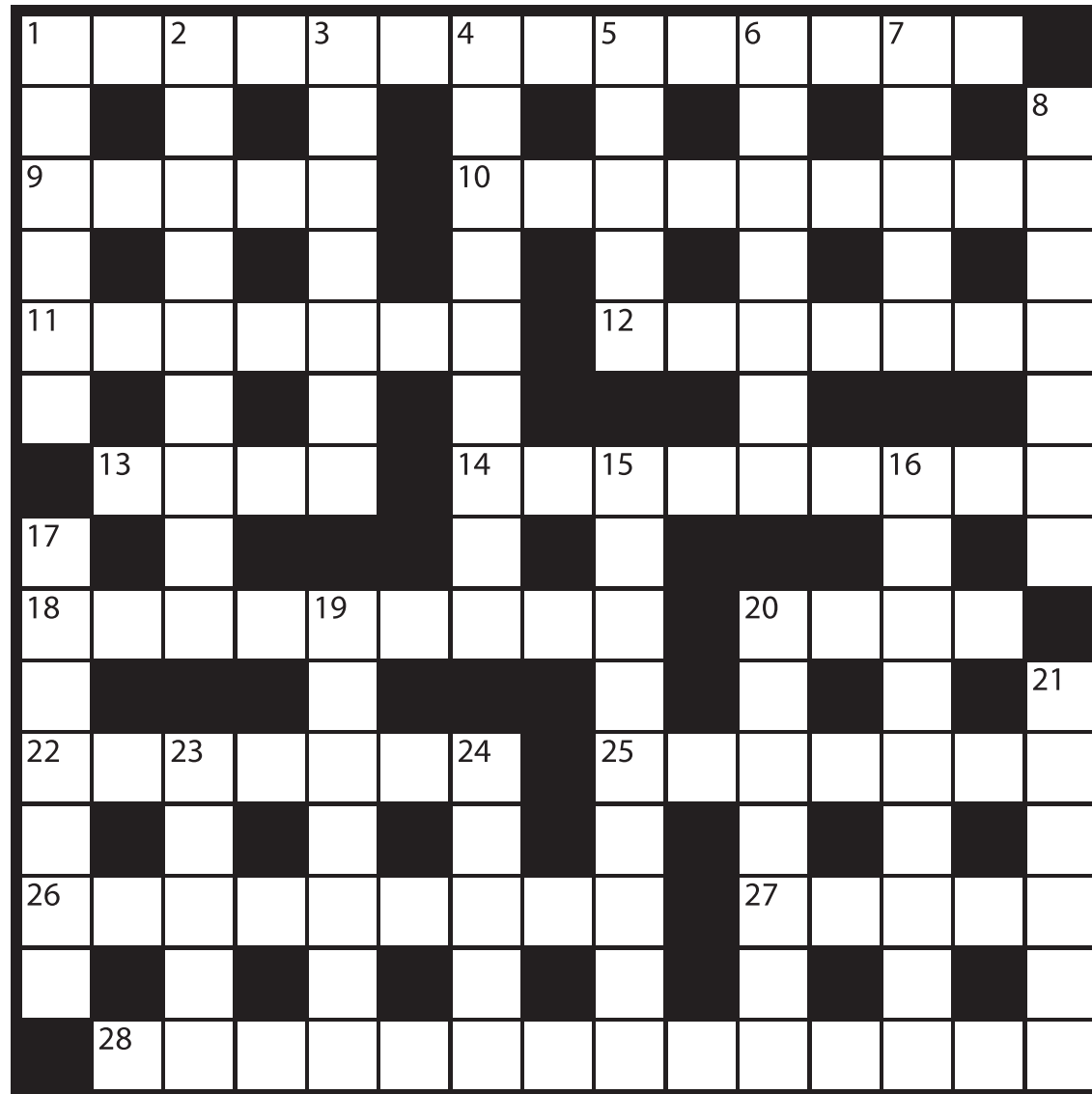


**ACROSS**

- 1 Chow mein diet, wrong first half of meal for cookery show (4,4,4,2)
- 9 Alternative parent heading off (5)
- 10 Poorly made Roman notes (9)
- 11 Moral tale, first in publication, productive (7)
- 12 A main road? (3,4)
- 13 Eli's ploughed up piece of land (4)
- 14 Rubbish – soot, it is removed by permanent marker (9)
- 18 Jammed cylinder? (5,4)
- 20 Uncluttered attic dry every second (4)
- 22 Encourage leading boffin (7)
- 25 Problem holding bird's bone (7)
- 26 Artist hides a permit in some poetry (9)
- 27 Beam starts to lower and swings everywhere, randomly (5)
- 28 Imagine garland on roller for masquerade (5-5,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Rough cut, heartless pay (6)
- 2 I am harsh, I upset spiritual leader (9)
- 3 Bad rule broken, but lasting (7)
- 4 Without sensation, wrote about deputy (6,3)
- 5 Wife with mischievous kids, spineless individuals (5)
- 6 Tandoori almost destroyed by whirlwind (7)
- 7 Chap, one with a fixation (5)
- 8 Allowed to twist tape round the mixing board (7)
- 15 Commander in wobbly steeple to slide inwards (9)
- 16 One's in India or another place (9)



- 17 German city has this French part that's vital (7)
- 19 Current case over hard coating (7)
- 20 Tell Sir about garden frame (7)
- 21 Mother turns up for exam without principles (6)
- 23 Gone round with a cake (5)
- 24 Old-fashion when courted (5)