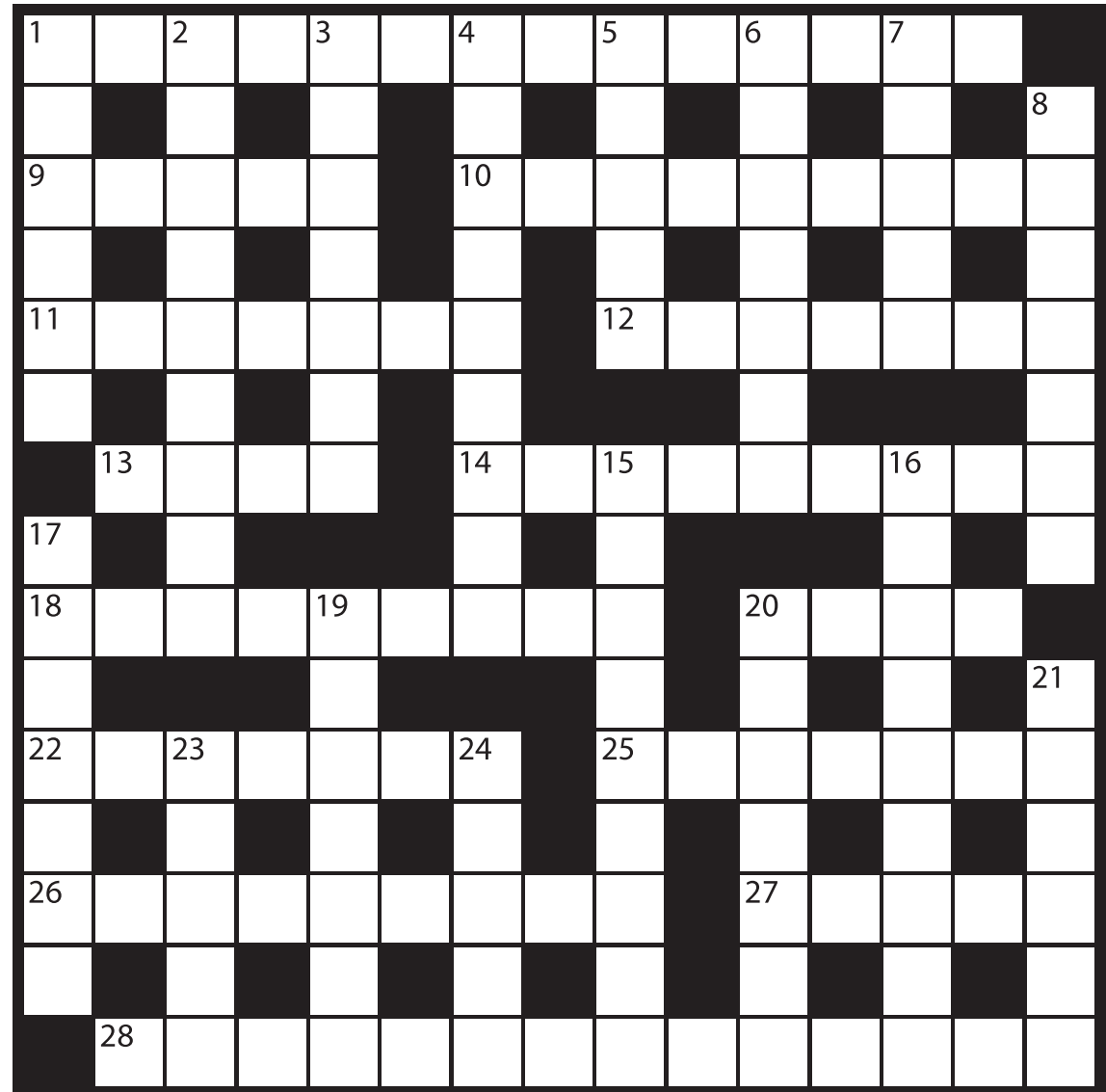


**ACROSS**

- 1 Concerned with spying, a lad and gang  
docker nobbled (5-3-6)
- 9 Clean air out there (5)
- 10 Not an original take-off (9)
- 11 Noble award produces flap (3,4)
- 12 Well-ordered diet, it's awful! (7)
- 13 Thanks the French for report (4)
- 14 Cautioned bad teaching (9)
- 18 Wild fun does restrain copper lacking  
direction (9)
- 20 Impersonate policeman at the Yard (4)
- 22 In deep trouble, allowed to cut down (7)
- 25 Excuses daughter, leaving study ahead of  
boys (7)
- 26 Soothe an overdue patriarch inside (9)
- 27 Subject for questioning to snap (5)
- 28 During break, find potential rust inside  
necessary facilities (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 150 always bright (6)
- 2 Partner gets the remaining fifty per  
cent (5,4)
- 3 Singalong in Dakar 'A-OK' except for  
some (7)
- 4 Lionesses moving without a sound (9)
- 5 General meaning of snow pile (5)
- 6 Relative has excellent secretary (7)
- 7 The cream of the Carmelites (5)
- 8 Saint upset with New Testament, for a  
moment (7)
- 15 A new, ruder variety of clothing (9)
- 16 Ad lib? I'm sharp with first of umpteen (9)
- 17 I land us in trouble with old timer (7)



- 19 Well able to hold a chopper (7)
- 20 Talk about leader of order, in charge, and confused (7)
- 21 Maiden hiding in tipsy chemist's shop (6)
- 23 Park throws out only tall supporter (5)
- 24 Tests former partner a woman of unknown marital status (5)