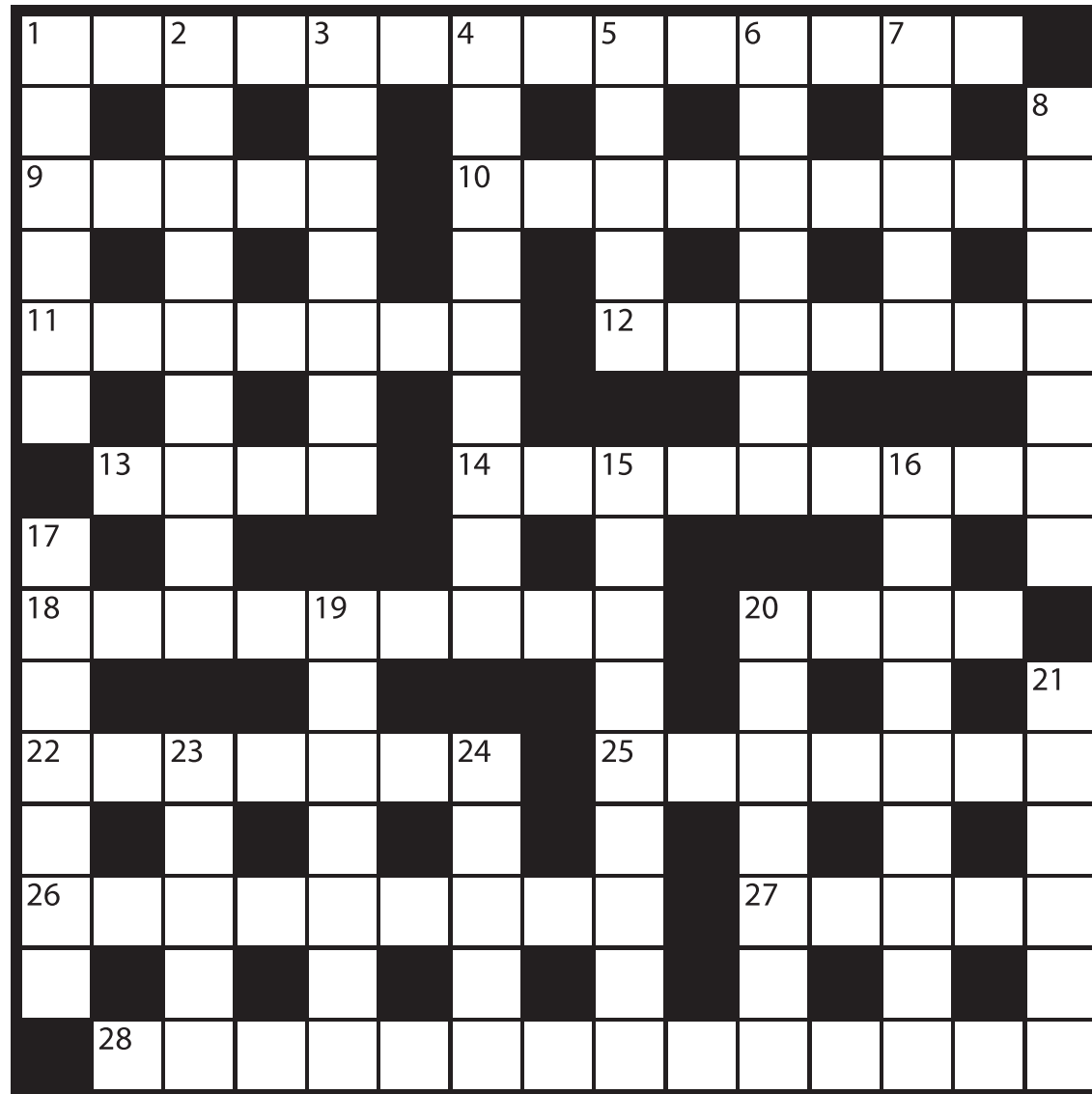


**ACROSS**

- 1 State shade of chicken (5,6,3)
- 9 Nine in a frenzy after a musical (5)
- 10 Sleep for a long time in the brae, strangely (9)
- 11 To sailors, trouble is a whirlwind (7)
- 12 Toys with desserts (7)
- 13 Remove outbuilding (4)
- 14 Rue irregular verb, aloud (9)
- 18 A couple of pianos put up and assessed (9)
- 20 In-house, a rival brand (4)
- 22 Recordings in French tests (7)
- 25 Communist record for excessive bureaucracy (3,4)
- 26 Turn out a printer's error (9)
- 27 Do well for forty in Rome, it's said (5)
- 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Traces changes, as responds to stimulus (6)
- 2 How sniper possibly gets possession (9)
- 3 Mere lad fashioned jewel (7)
- 4 Vehicle going round Soho clubs (6,3)
- 5 Religious man followed Newton in West Country town (5)
- 6 Large bedroom has lack of warmth for rodents (7)
- 7 Message from head of embassy brought with post (5)
- 8 Disease ravaged resort (7)
- 15 A new, ruder variety of clothing (9)
- 16 Snowdrop seen in the fall? (9)
- 17 Red spy embraced by mother (7)



- 19 A lassie muddled pseudonyms (7)
- 20 Deliver up top troops without grief (7)
- 21 Red wine in summer lottery (6)
- 23 Coach from Margate, a charabanc (5)
- 24 Point to desire to be stylish (5)