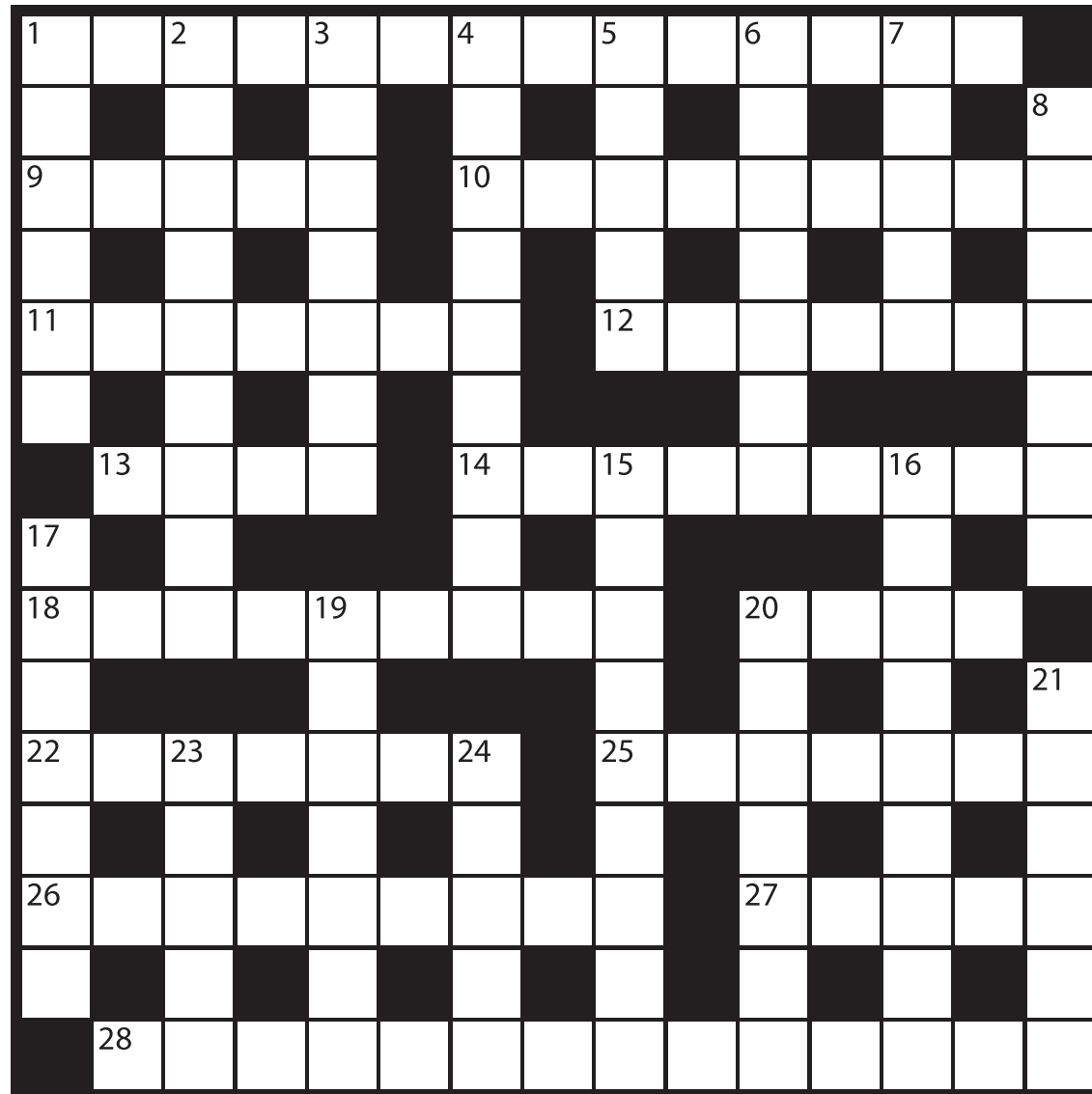


ACROSS

- 1 Awful sitcom's her loss as teacher (14)
- 9 Mabel struggling to walk leisurely (5)
- 10 Swimmer's ginger haircut? (3,6)
- 11 Help! I ran hastily from clutches of fish (7)
- 12 Eastern fellow devoured issue (7)
- 13 City map is advertised within (4)
- 14 Distributing coils round home, a doctor in disarray (9)
- 18 Like a mobile worker's release (5-4)
- 20 Embrace European giant (4)
- 22 Noisy shaving is ringing a bell (7)
- 25 In serious difficulty fixing roof-end (4,3)
- 26 Bound closely to drunken noisy fool (5-4)
- 27 Some channelled rainwater here! (5)
- 28 Lee built lining strangely – can't understand it! (14)

DOWN

- 1 Fish dish – the rascal wants one (6)
- 2 Irish club in Scotland (9)
- 3 South Pacific islands seen from a canoe I upset (7)
- 4 Diver splitting German's hesitation (9)
- 5 Fifty in team inch along (5)
- 6 Background talk of stalks (7)
- 7 Saucy dance (5)
- 8 Extend prison term (7)
- 15 Locate and destroy, according to gossip (9)
- 16 Blame golf for spoiling meat joint (3,2,4)
- 17 Bread man swallowed, unfinished one (7)
- 19 Struck with end of his glove (7)



- 20 Put up with setter, say, having a dejected appearance (7)
- 21 Quietly managed church dance (6)
- 23 Element giving awful groan (5)
- 24 Bottled spirit? (5)