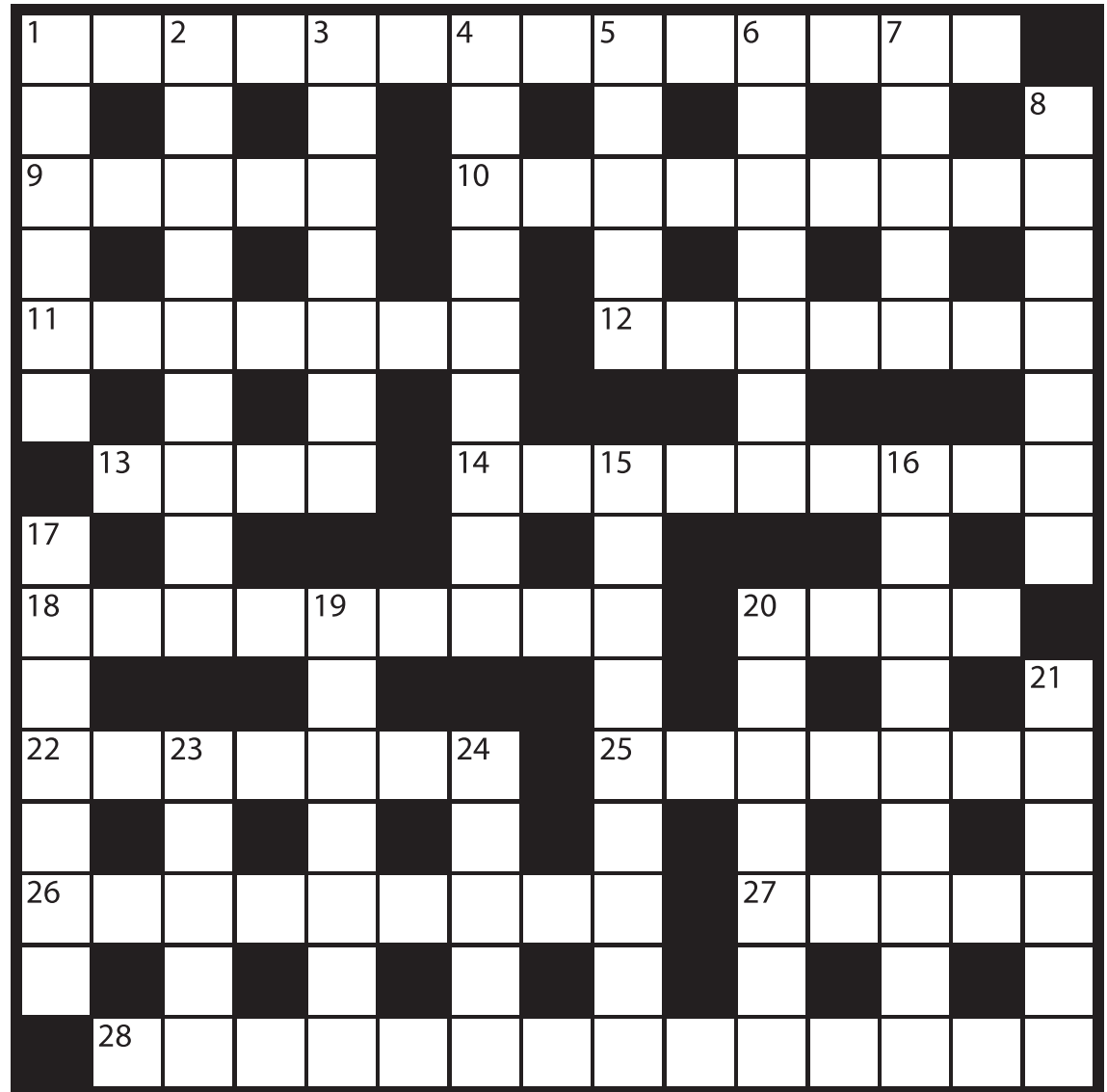


**ACROSS**

- 1 Awful sitcom's her loss as teacher (14)
- 9 Pushed and crowded without leader (5)
- 10 Strange thing, notice in club (9)
- 11 Nobility always poetically shielded by attendant (7)
- 12 Part of articulated lorry lit – rear, possibly (7)
- 13 Account given by the beak (4)
- 14 Inaccurate recipes I'm amending (9)
- 18 Killer directed to a prison (3,6)
- 20 Bound along incline, but not initially (4)
- 22 Collects and sorts out the rags (7)
- 25 Strong women get flower stem initially (7)
- 26 Shortening a type of loan (9)
- 27 Leading European character in local pharmacy (5)
- 28 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Foxes with cricket equipment (6)
- 2 I clean dentally to make it shiny, eg (9)
- 3 Eccentric uneven delivery (7)
- 4 Cockney eyes festive fare (5,4)
- 5 View building plot, say (5)
- 6 Misled caterer to go over his tracks again (7)
- 7 Left with copies to return flower part (5)
- 8 Person looking hard round back of restaurant for appetiser (7)
- 15 Writer to become involved with magical shape (9)
- 16 I am not late to join units spontaneously (9)



- 17 Gold initially brought in from an amphibious diver (7)
- 19 Not yet arrived, extra that ought to be paid (7)
- 20 Water escaping from artificial lake takes time (7)
- 21 Part of Maria's lantern is at an angle (6)
- 23 Set fire to church on hill (5)
- 24 Be sparing, putting a thousand in bin (5)