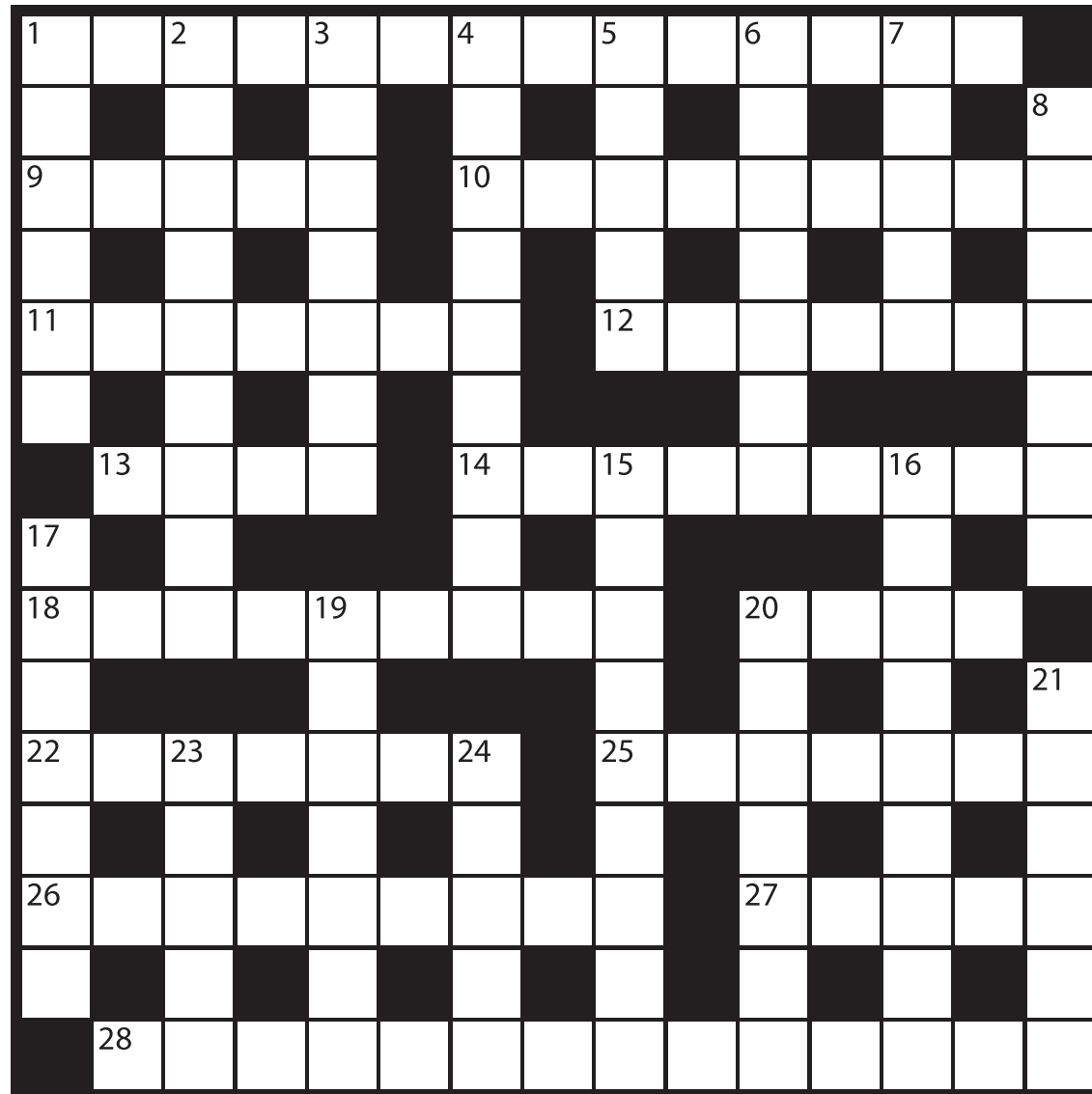


ACROSS

- 1 Authorative source checked by a vet? (3,6,5)
- 9 One should enter diplomacy, it's implied (5)
- 10 A good night guide (5,4)
- 11 They advise monster changes (7)
- 12 Dramatist's story needs further coverage (7)
- 13 Long journey back into Spinnaker Tower (4)
- 14 Stale tart containing scrambled egg mostly, missing the mark (3,6)
- 18 Tearful march with ally upset (9)
- 20 Jack, perhaps, is quite a character (4)
- 22 Smooth-talking person, female singer holding arm (7)
- 25 A paper under discussion (2,5)
- 26 A right polite fellow in a foreign country (9)
- 27 In a short time, returns with English rope (5)
- 28 To Winston, here's somehow significance (14)

DOWN

- 1 Carry manuscript with tribal symbols (6)
- 2 Odd Eric nicking bit of cash, coin of little value (9)
- 3 View unruly lout with nothing satisfactory (7)
- 4 Bad weather from Sweden, maybe dormant round south (9)
- 5 Some players crumble in rugby skirmish (5)
- 6 Heap oil about Shakespearean heroine (7)
- 7 Flyer with the foreign name (5)
- 8 Vineyard let out before end of July – such callousness (7)
- 15 Break up, not counting autumn (4,5)
- 16 Copy ogre's design for spinning wheel (9)



- 17 Silver lilac melting like ice? (7)
- 19 Church is behind Italian love affair (7)
- 20 Wine in china stirred it up (7)
- 21 Agents capturing the Spanish is disgusting (6)
- 23 Bother old king buried in the past? (5)
- 24 HRH in office, holding animal (5)