

**ACROSS**

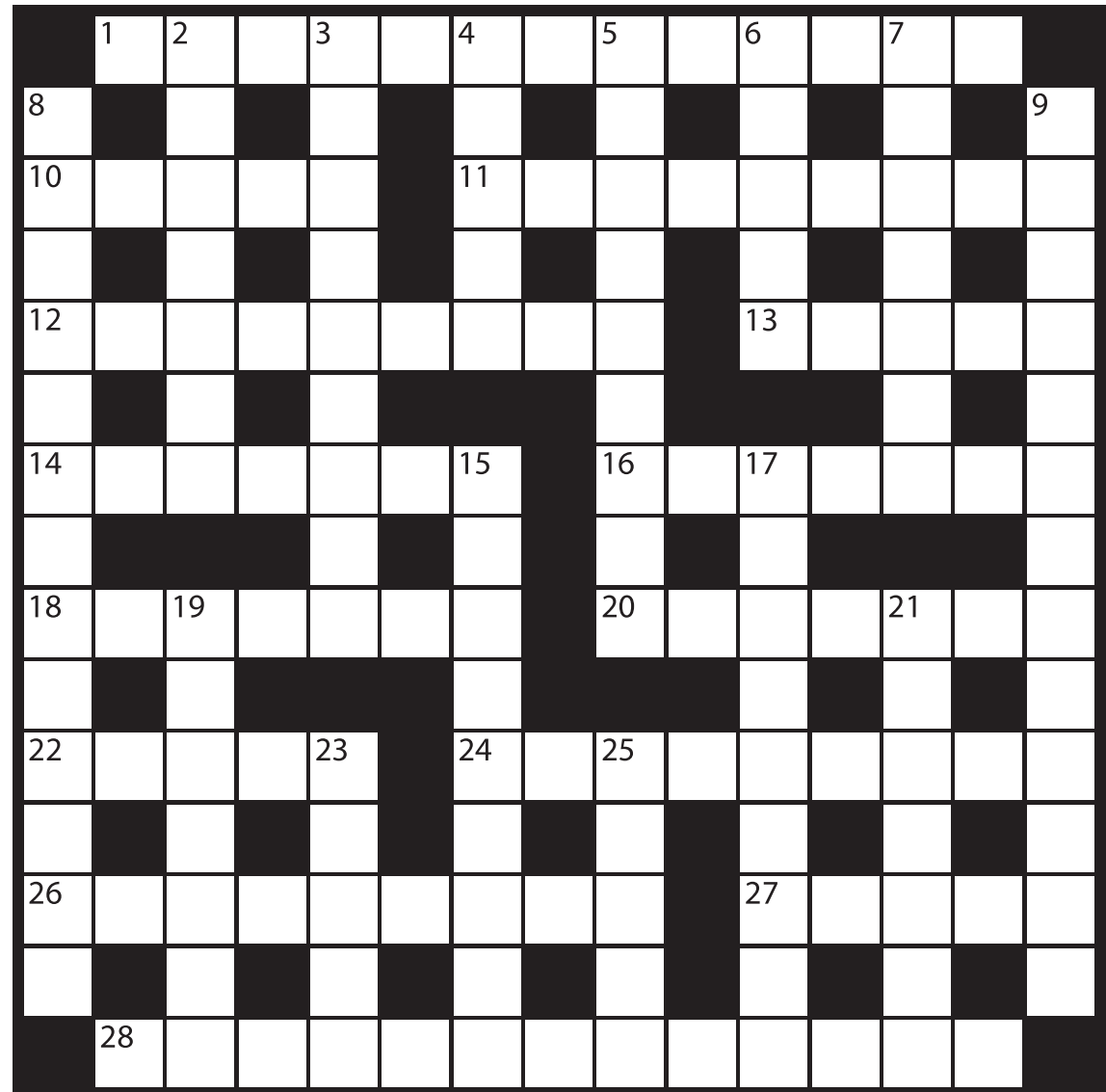
- 1 One using needles cut curtains up roughly (13)  
 10 Gauche artists' essential compassion (5)  
 11 Exaggerate concerning situation (9)  
 12 Servants start to recruit new trainees (9)  
 13 Some reporting about explosive (5)  
 14 Agreed with United taking fourth place in league (7)  
 16 Socialist admits flag no longer working (7)  
 18 Many supporters of bridge in the Borders (7)  
 20 Spot son getting drink (7)  
 22 Greeting Pole behind eastern part of house (5)  
 24 One determined to be flustered (9)  
 26 Clear point cross individual put before judge (9)  
 27 Criminal once outside closer to orthodox (2-3)  
 28 An utter genius composed TV music (9,4)

**DOWN**

- 2 Rabbit changing hands as possession (7)  
 3 Growth area in which hipster goes around carrying papers (5,4)  
 4 Bereaved woman from province getting award (5)  
 5 Terms oddly including each firm getting prizes (9)  
 6 Quit ignoring good glue (5)  
 7 Celebrity regularly ignored their first course (7)  
 8 Irritable stepmother mistaken about daughter (5-8)  
 9 Flash place in Berkshire? Bill might get one (6,7)  
 15 Cold houses initially prevented posh person arguing (9)

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- 17 Fool going round sites abroad most affected by winds (9)  
 19 Right instrument to cut top-class pasta (7)  
 21 Bird using metal to crack nut (7)  
 23 Geese hide, protecting eggs, primarily (5)  
 25 Box containing energy weapon (5)