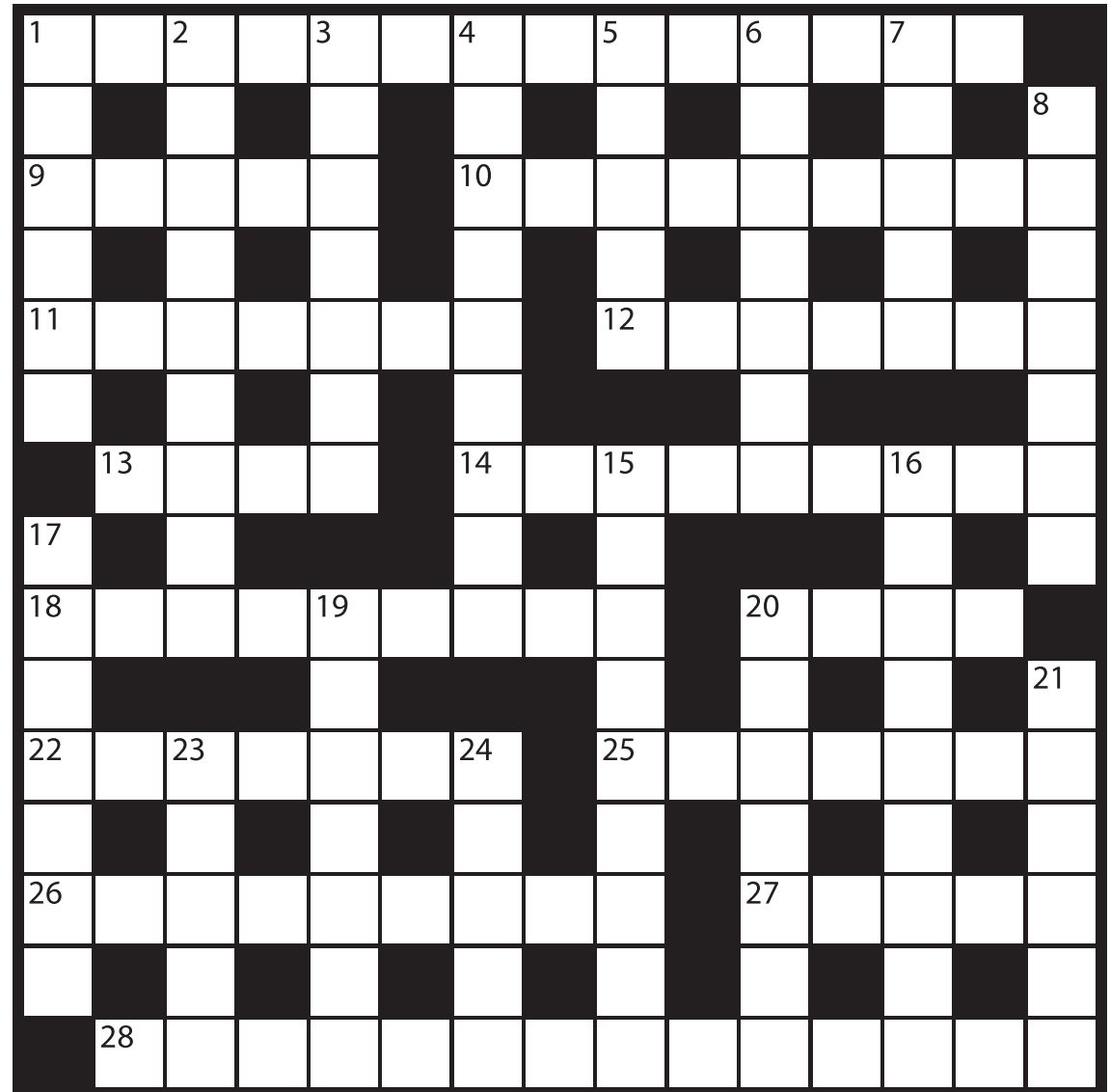


**ACROSS**

- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- 9 Went out with, or went out with the Ark? (5)
- 10 Limit beer – there's a reason for it (9)
- 11 Beginning to nibble a lot of pasta (7)
- 12 Decide to go around a city in America (7)
- 13 Family insignia displays weaponry (4)
- 14 Jen's conceded that somewhat settled (9)
- 18 Note Russian aircraft regarded as having moved abroad (9)
- 20 I moved quickly round in shower (4)
- 22 Meander around, given new title (7)
- 25 Investigate old prince having new role (7)
- 26 Romanians struggling in this republic (3,6)
- 27 Passenger vehicles back in fashion (5)
- 28 Openly hostile to war, grandad gets flustered (2,7,5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Agreeing to make separate track (6)
- 2 Rip up root to make fragrant petals (3-6)
- 3 Free note with the French puzzles (7)
- 4 Get soup at Robin's home, perhaps (5,4)
- 5 Pays attention to musical sounds (5)
- 6 Fruit from a vine initially, turning firm at a party (7)
- 7 Boat requires skill (5)
- 8 Member aims to create myths (7)
- 15 Battle for advantage during rise of accommodation (9)
- 16 Bit of potato cooked a lot with a sausage (9)
- 17 Lower record in clothing (7)
- 19 Sweet dance to a degree (3,4)



- 20 Once more sat or lay down (7)
- 21 Some inspecting preserve gel (6)
- 23 Nine players, so they can't play tennis! (5)
- 24 Performing dingo, perhaps? (5)