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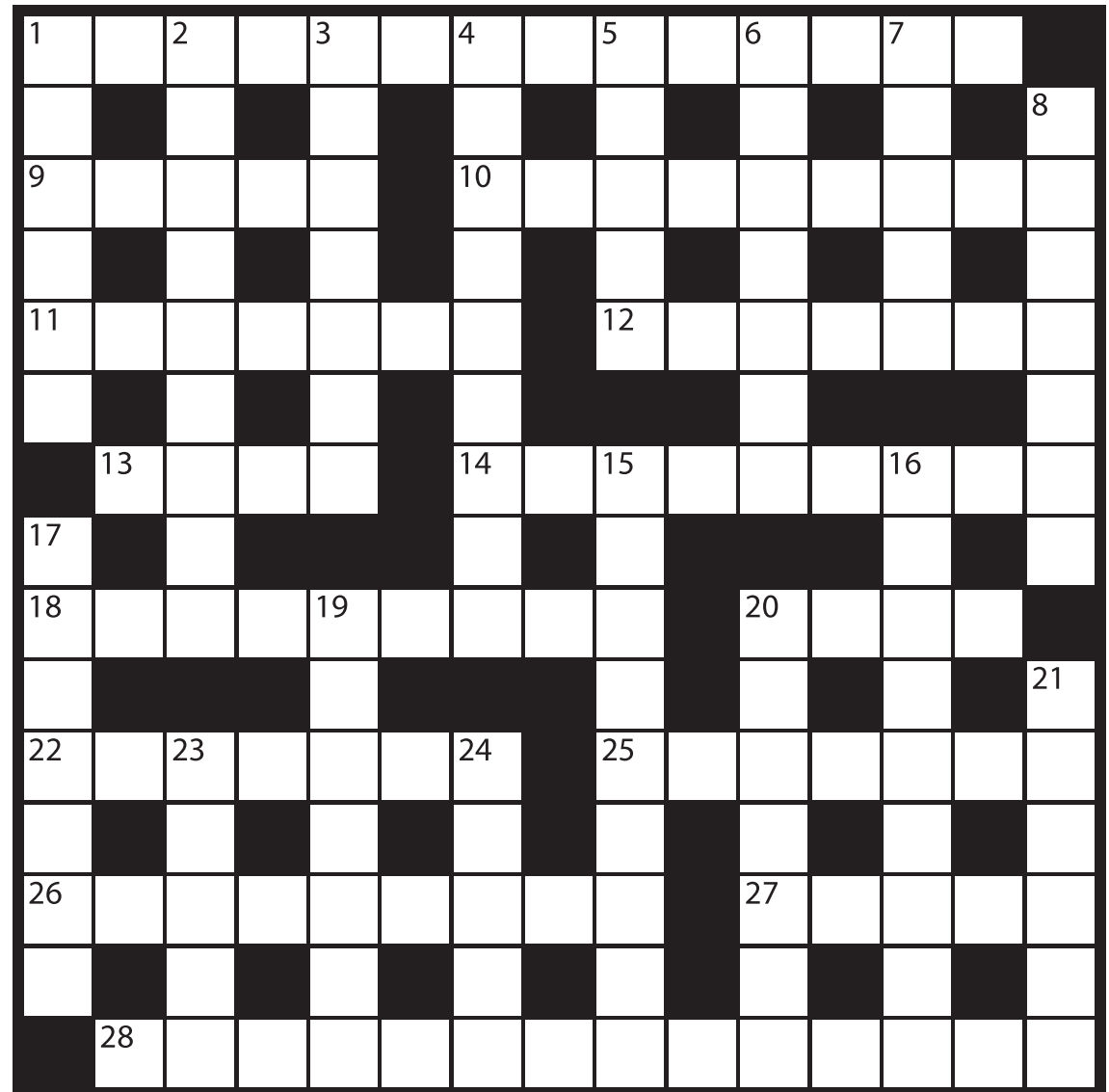
- 1 Authorative source checked by a vet? (3,6,5)
- 9 A team award for widely accepted principle (5)
- 10 Use boot movement to keep peacekeepers benevolent (9)
- 11 Lookalike arranged matching clothes (7)
- 12 Sign of venomous creature losing tail (7)
- 13 Republic where Alma goes regularly (4)
- 14 Proposes to represent Minnesota (9)
- 18 Splash out in even drops, perhaps (9)
- 20 Automobile by quiet fish (4)
- 22 A slap-up outing to European city (7)
- 25 Needles in right joints (7)
- 26 Certain to be self-assured (9)
- 27 Sect famished, but not fed (5)
- 28 Concerned with spying, a lad and gang docker nobbled (5-3-6)

DOWN

- 1 Pamphlets lead to treble bills (6)
- 2 Odd alien item to get rid of (9)
- 3 Diffusion of moss is nothing to worry about (7)
- 4 Material Ben's cut as ordered (9)
- 5 Punches garden pests (5)
- 6 Our town sadly no longer in fashion (7)
- 7 Army subdivision's bad time to retreat (5)
- 8 Take on partner following end of romance (7)
- 15 Checked fashion criticised (9)
- 16 Thing surrounding small brook is exciting (9)
- 17 Share the cost with supreme being, macho non-starter (2,5)

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- 19 Quality needed in the long run (7)
- 20 Is able to give repeated thanks for musical work (7)
- 21 Partly rewrites the record book (6)
- 23 Write a line, that's punishing (5)
- 24 A turbulent lake for Cub pack leader (5)