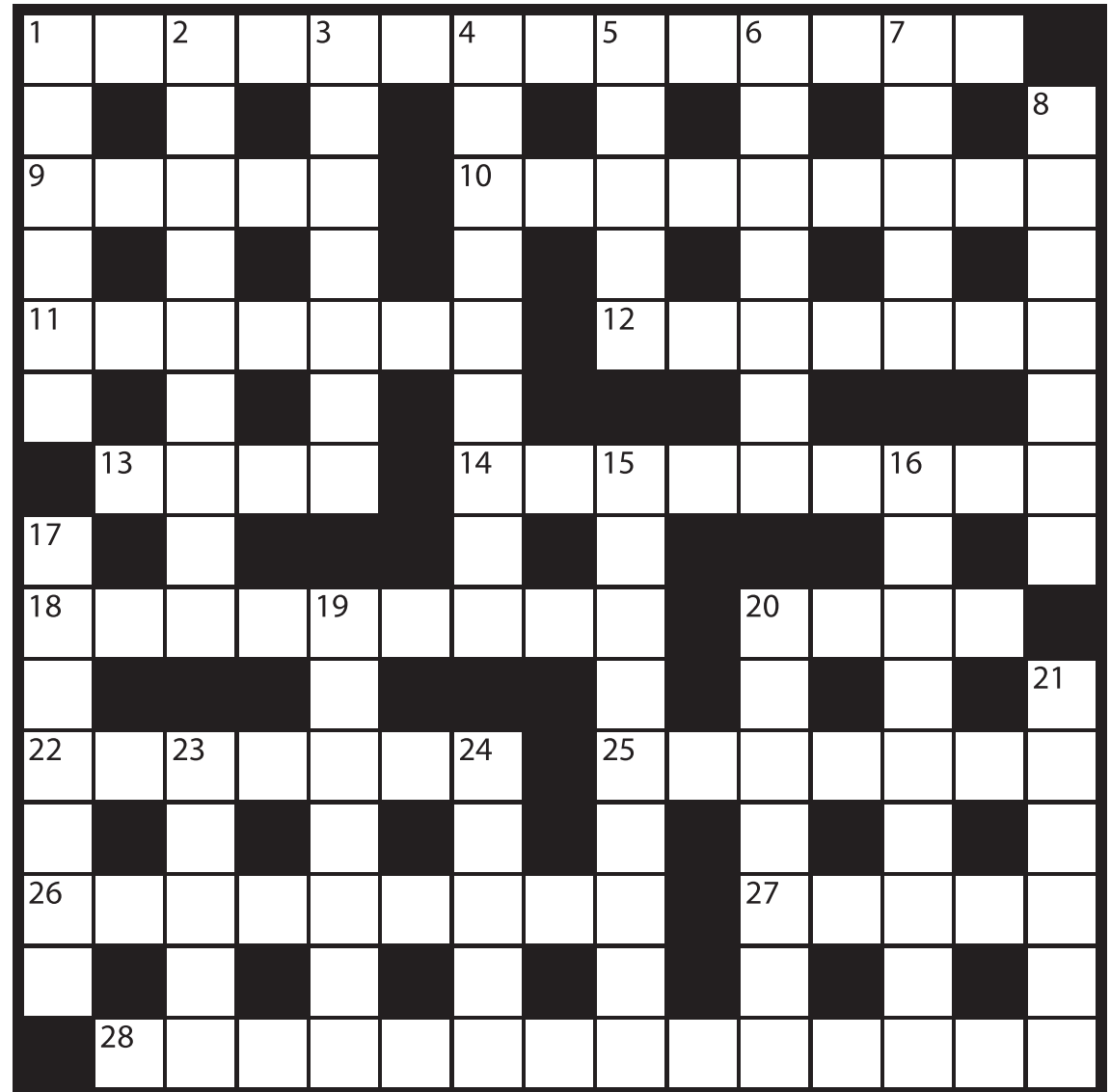


**ACROSS**

- 1 Natural phenomenon such as the Blackpool Illuminations! (8,6)
- 9 Colour scheme through wide corridor (5)
- 10 Fool amusing or otherwise (9)
- 11 Len's car goes around armed cavalry (7)
- 12 New kit, let's knock down (7)
- 13 US money posted, we hear (4)
- 14 It teaches manipulation of beauty (9)
- 18 Biscuit for Italian patriot (9)
- 20 Grains found in ceramic ornament (4)
- 22 No longer active, former leader of cell got in touch (7)
- 25 Once-over to observe twice (4-3)
- 26 Perform at an opening in Asian seaport (9)
- 27 Double issue (5)
- 28 Roughly seek rye product for operation (7,7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Show agreement, led out by head (6)
- 2 Storyteller managed to take company in? True, sadly (9)
- 3 Trev has arranged festival (7)
- 4 Check booth and put back in place (9)
- 5 Golf course connections (5)
- 6 Embellishment that's gaudy around the North (7)
- 7 Employee with time to entice (5)
- 8 Inner nature of a German city church (7)
- 15 Even now loch is calm (9)
- 16 Act over what sounds like fashion barrier (9)
- 17 Hogs' ire combined is monstrous (7)
- 19 Below a Scottish mountain, hate develops (7)



- 20 Tenant farmer, cert for redevelopment (7)
- 21 Channel Island sweater (6)
- 23 Perhaps past being emotionally strained (5)
- 24 Dwarf taking ring round river (5)