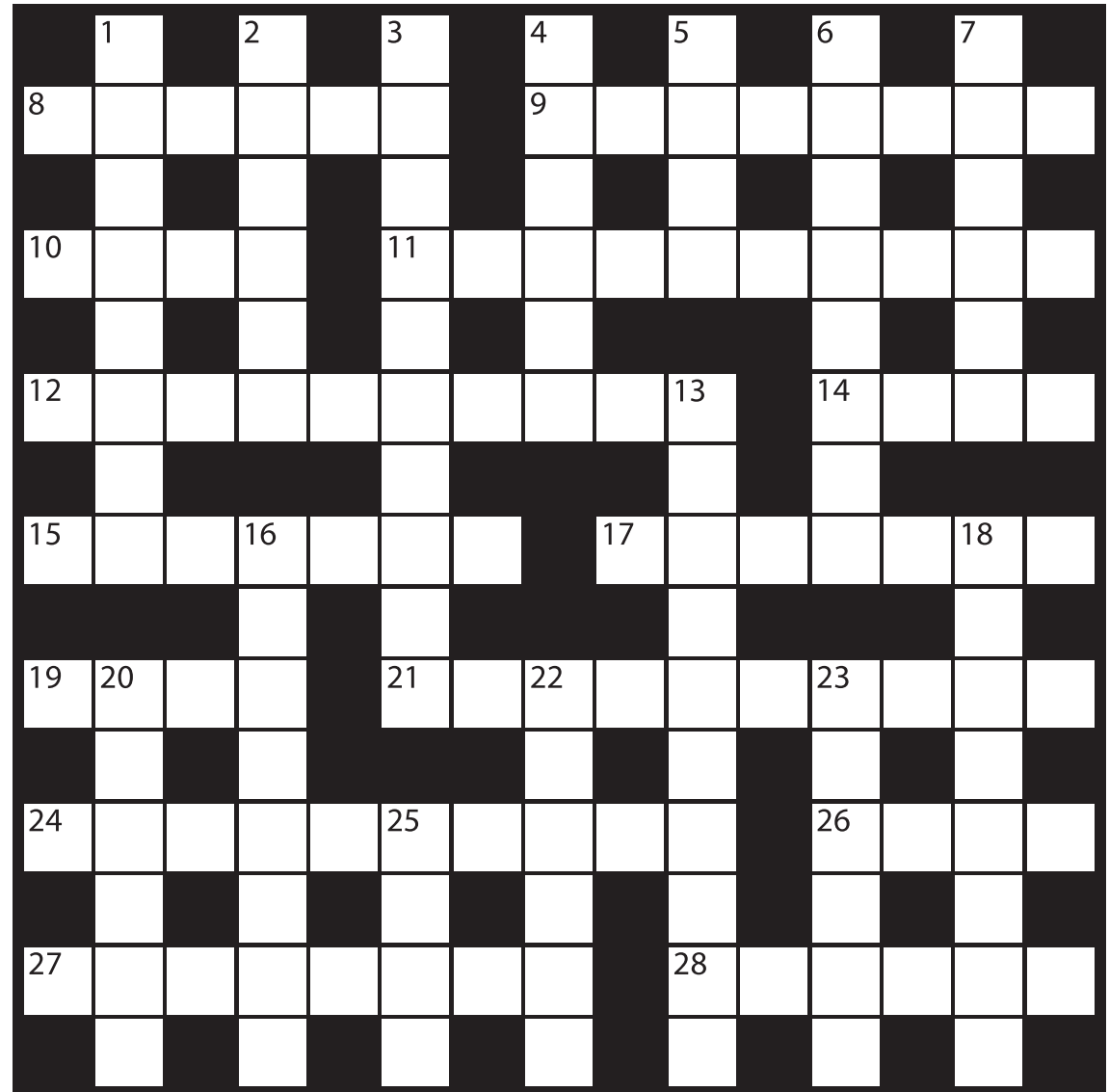


**ACROSS**

- 8 Everyone entering gloomy retreat in American city (6)
- 9 Haul away, sometimes held by regular (8)
- 10 Domestic creatures going back a pace (4)
- 11 Bad to repeat, and ignorant (10)
- 12 Camp riot to involve fellow countryman (10)
- 14 Transport returns to shop (4)
- 15 Conclude no fire (7)
- 17 Soft soap and cloth (7)
- 19 Charge just when spoken (4)
- 21 Single men involved in professional test (10)
- 24 Group of soldiers from Greece initially in Africa, perhaps (10)
- 26 Stuck-up people with no head for gentry (4)
- 27 Most of carnation ruined on waterproof garment (8)
- 28 Person head-butting someone crazy? (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 What strange instrument produces fruit? (8)
- 2 Failure to raise students (4-2)
- 3 Help idiot to gain one position (10)
- 4 Hot stuff, though doesn't sound it! (6)
- 5 Aid criminal with a speculative deed (4)
- 6 Warehouse worker could be a monster (8)
- 7 Mad character that terrifies, to some extent (6)
- 13 Putting up with tiger talon's destruction... (10)
- 16 ...and putting up with nice tiger, not one that's nasty! (8)



- 18 Points to wayward blonde made a peer (8)
- 20 Mother turns up for exam without principles (6)
- 22 Quite good-looking (6)
- 23 Very little time (6)
- 25 Time travelling either way (4)