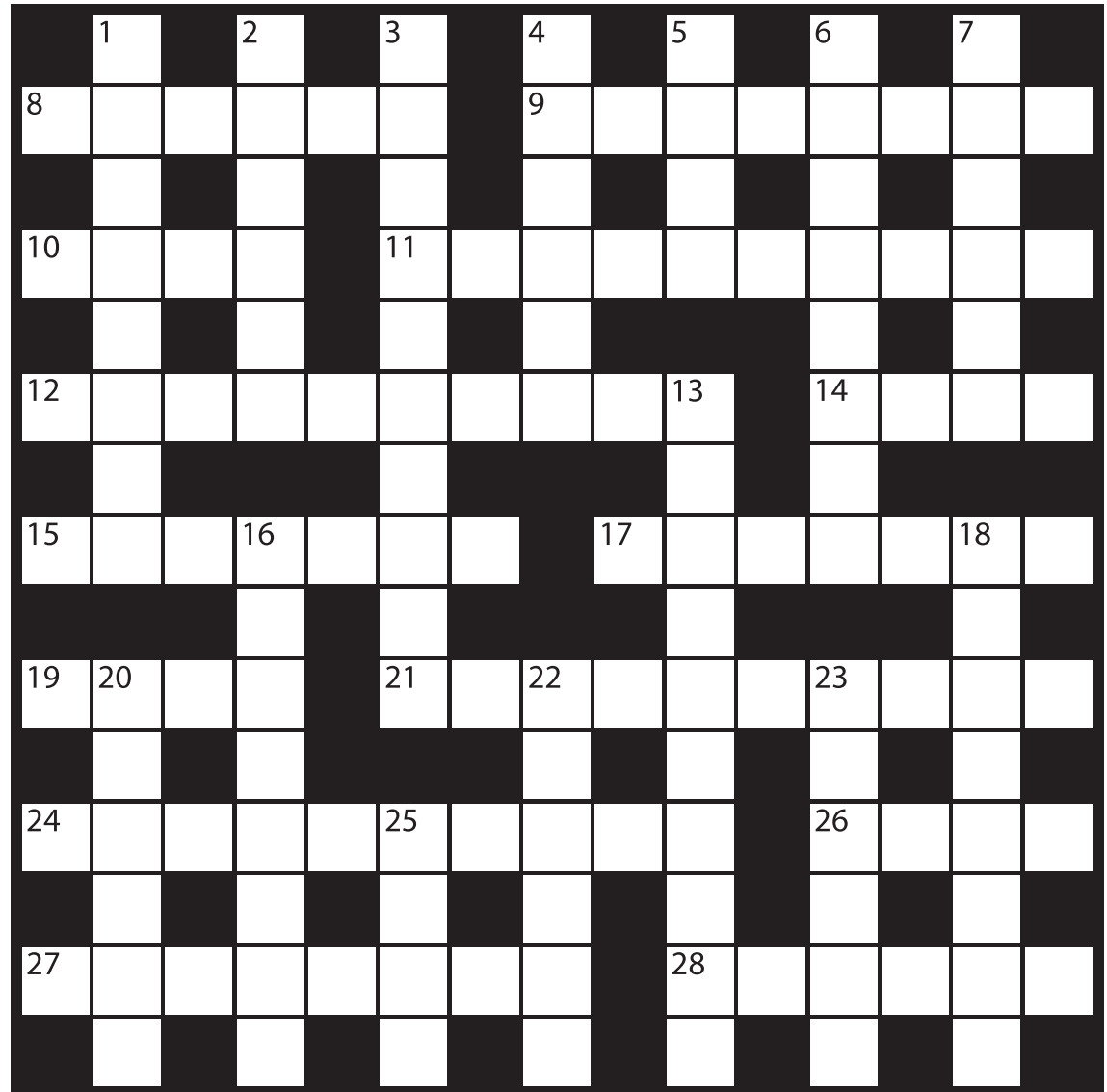


ACROSS

- 8 Sounds like an element of courage (6)
- 9 Cease working with kit for runner (3,5)
- 10 Knocks back in fight (4)
- 11 Plead, and prove disaster was partly coincidental (10)
- 12 Regret concerning money Brown pocketed (10)
- 14 Give title to some forlorn American (4)
- 15 Climber's soft shoe (7)
- 17 A job given to the French disciple (7)
- 19 Powder stored in some hospital cupboard (4)
- 21 Offer to look at home for a cut of meat (10)
- 24 Nomads all rest, very nearly all shattered (10)
- 26 Horse racing occasion's about to be crowded (4)
- 27 Unwell? Stick around for a lozenge (8)
- 28 One watching six sheep by river (6)

DOWN

- 1 Return to harvest fruit (8)
- 2 Go without food, despite vaster distribution (6)
- 3 Pretend MOT organised for carriage (10)
- 4 Swine takes time to find bird (6)
- 5 Aquatic mammal is close up (4)
- 6 Avoid insects in tight sportswear (3,5)
- 7 Master at sea in running water (6)
- 13 I have to follow train that's full of feeling (10)
- 16 Dig in former grotto containing a bone (8)
- 18 Waited around for Eliot novel (revolutionary) (8)



- 20 A feature of Norfolk in another country (6)
- 22 North-east journalists required (6)
- 23 Landlord's a character (6)
- 25 Three students holding University to be calm (4)