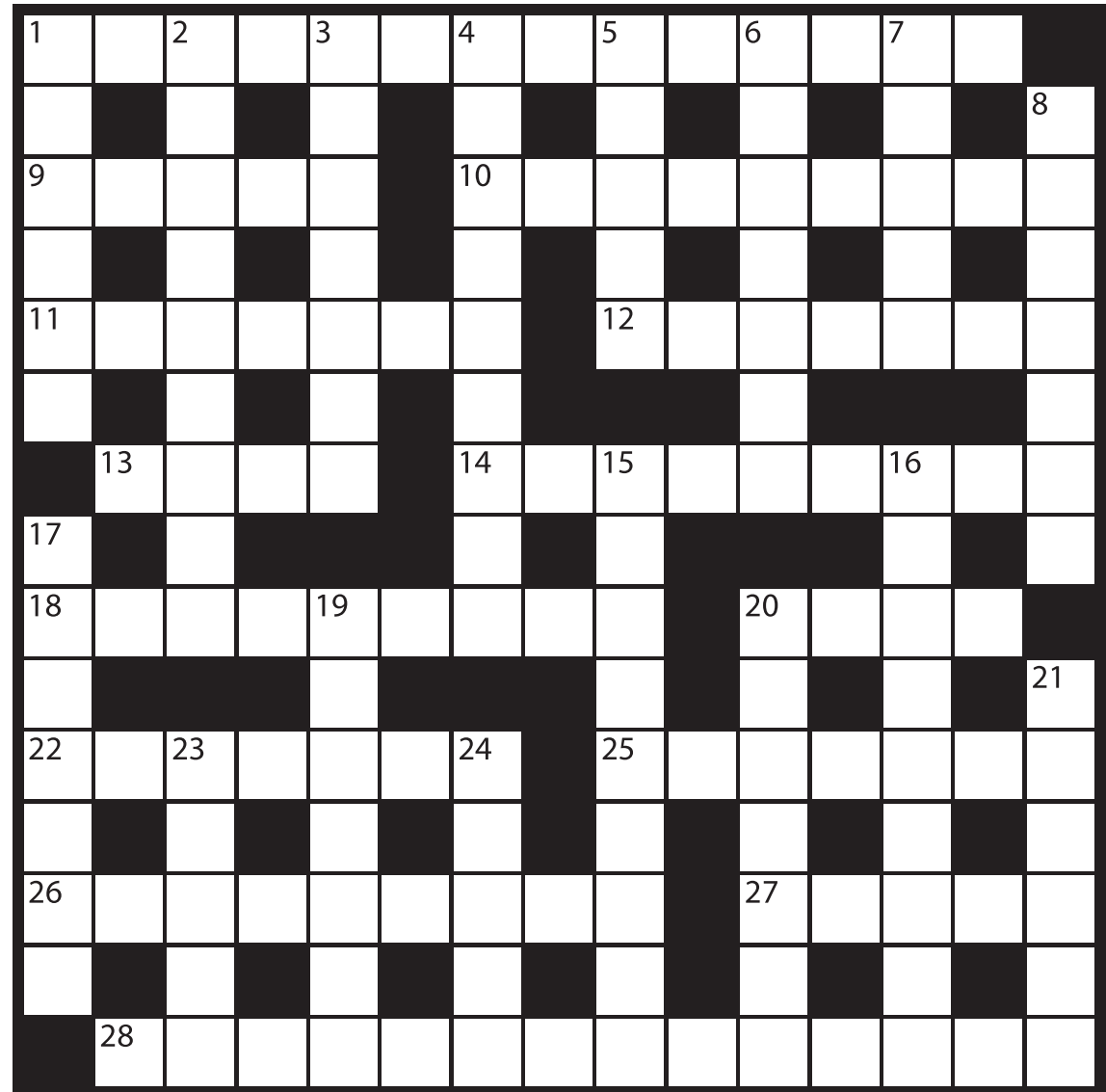


ACROSS

- 1 A re-entry plan, it fails between Earth and Mars, perhaps (14)
- 9 Soft toffee, say, pudding nearly sent back (5)
- 10 Stepped on a vague amount around stadium (9)
- 11 Reserve sherry opened by eminence, say (7)
- 12 Least comfortable boy soldier is French (7)
- 13 German man - he has rights (4)
- 14 Affectations on holidays from points of departure? (9)
- 18 Get breathing space to broadcast snooker feature (3,6)
- 20 Imitate facsimile (4)
- 22 Correspondence from landlords? (7)
- 25 Traffic adopting rubbish incentives? (7)
- 26 Tear it, then I get on with performance (9)
- 27 Group of trees policemen reported (5)
- 28 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Overrun with finest cracks (6)
- 2 Edward to produce a toy (5,4)
- 3 Animal always after Rod, holding note (3,4)
- 4 Fishy moneylender? (4,5)
- 5 Chemical is inert mixture (5)
- 6 Notion, however, with tin-opener (7)
- 7 Odd heron in French river (5)
- 8 This worker looks down in the mouth! (7)
- 15 Not a quality required in the communications industry? (9)
- 16 I am not late to join units spontaneously (9)
- 17 Everything's in a sort of grey passageway (7)



- 19 Former omen, tie crooked (3-4)
- 20 Caught prophet with small boat (7)
- 21 Climb a trail (6)
- 23 Fish smell when the head's removed (5)
- 24 Be sparing, putting a thousand in bin (5)