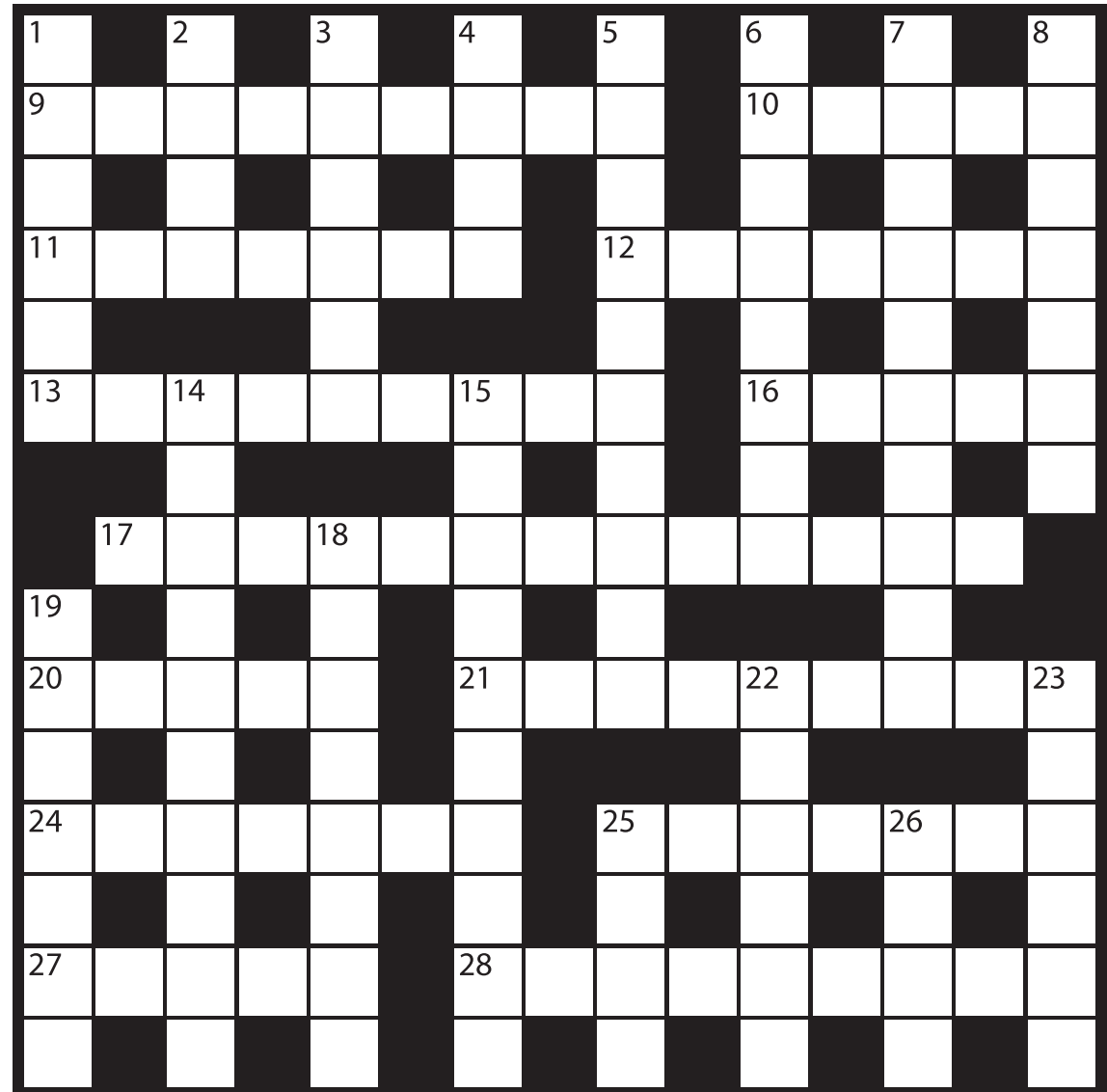


**ACROSS**

- 9 This female singer has a low score (9)
- 10 Atmospheric layer, Australia needing one (5)
- 11 Any girl upset will react this way! (7)
- 12 Longed to convert deanery (7)
- 13 Hound socialist compiler (3,6)
- 16 Riled about lazy person (5)
- 17 The garden is in disarray – depressing (13)
- 20 Person giving 18 down to Norm, you formerly accepted (5)
- 21 Most peculiar grass tent constructed (9)
- 24 Points from credits distributed (7)
- 25 Rep more unlikely to be ruler (7)
- 27 Harvests pears, perhaps (5)
- 28 Put down work by newspaper boss? (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Alice prepared right pastry (6)
- 2 Comfortable with arms raised (4)
- 3 Express admiration in quiet lift (6)
- 4 Dispatch snow vehicle, it's heard (4)
- 5 He's to ape author, producing advertising material (10)
- 6 Symbolic signs to put up in the country (8)
- 7 Poorly made lemon scone causes drowsiness (10)
- 8 Offers for nurses? (7)
- 14 Newspaper studied after book for regular money (5,5)
- 15 Iron starts to break up sort of radio (10)
- 18 Demanding hiding place, we hear, for money (4,4)
- 19 Rests with crawlers (7)



- 22 Changing planes in Italian city (6)
- 23 Abuse one in business (6)
- 25 Catch sight of English agent (4)
- 26 Spots river tree (4)