

ACROSS

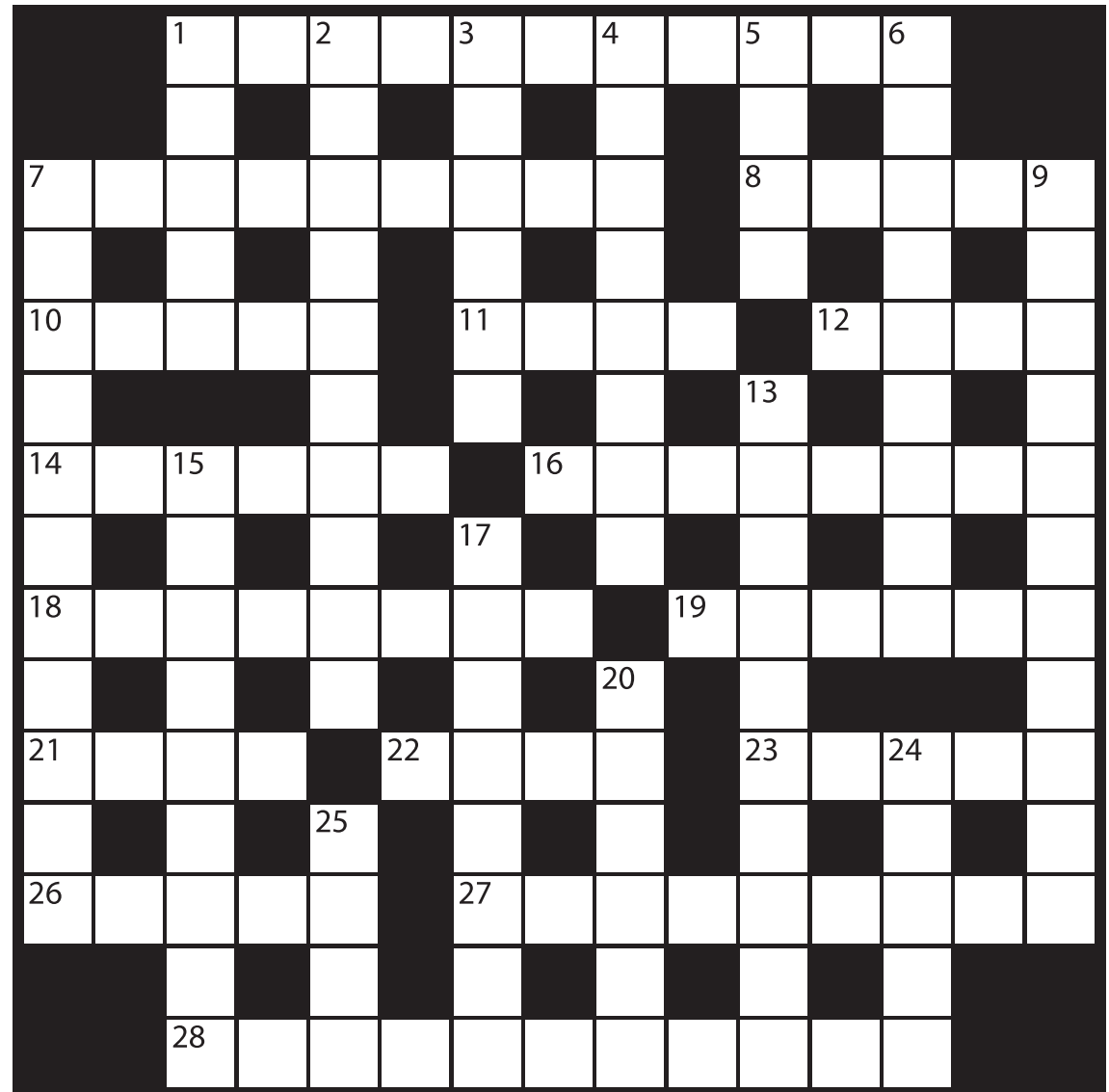
- 1 Washes the harbour leaving no sign of any stubble (5-6)
- 7 Disparaged, small in plot (9)
- 8 State new refinement (5)
- 10 Spanish man older, lacking iodine (5)
- 11 Start in shop entrance? (4)
- 12 Flog some vinyl ashtrays (4)
- 14 Current company on road to agreement (6)
- 16 Sledge to go bang, crashing (8)
- 18 Mixed patterns in church wing (8)
- 19 A school jacket nearly on fire (6)
- 21 Lady not entirely truthful (4)
- 22 Explorer, say – one north of the border (4)
- 23 55 in river dig (5)
- 26 Lament Reg and I'd composed (5)
- 27 Tend manic, mad beggar (9)
- 28 And lines get twisted, so unravel (11)

DOWN

- 1 Pass on, or stop in mid-sentence (5)
- 2 Go in with force, showing initiative (10)
- 3 Hold the admiral (6)
- 4 Hard lip on pig, garden creature (8)
- 5 Don't allow animal doctor round (4)
- 6 It's a long diversion having a sentimental longing for the past (9)
- 7 Spotted by a mud-slinger (11)
- 9 Can ten men he moved be an improvement? (11)
- 13 Why one is attending an auction that's unwelcoming (10)
- 15 Hired this type of accountant (9)

Friday, 5th February, 2021

No. 15,456 by Puzzler Media



17 Sample different spice, chaps (8)

20 Way a New Zealander initially gets a few lines (6)

24 Permission to go (5)

25 Lack of order in army canteen (4)