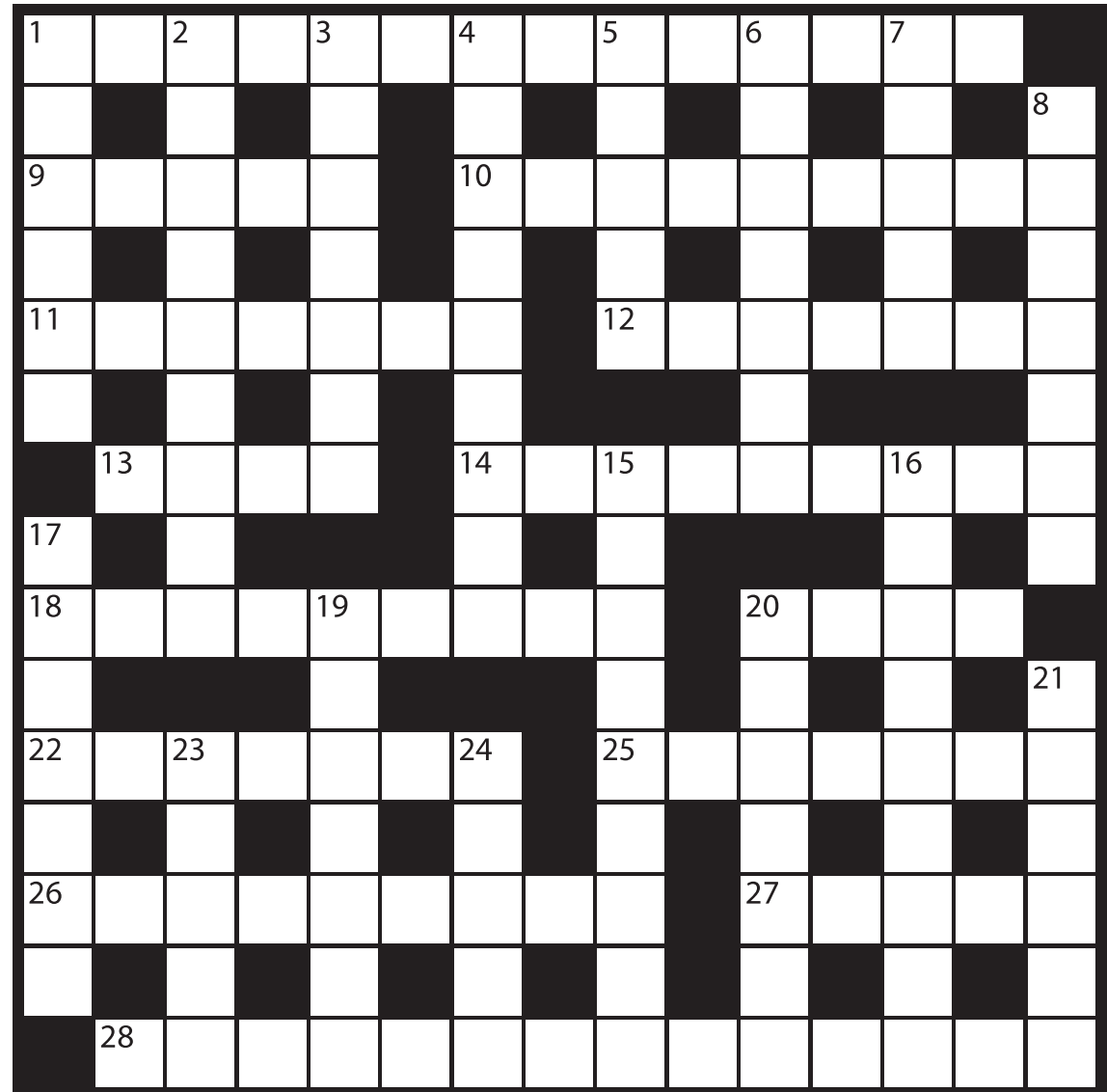


ACROSS

- 1 Glass instrument needs drink first (9,5)
- 9 Get hostile about community spirit (5)
- 10 Evil soldier turns to relative consumed by whisky (9)
- 11 High-pitched noise from disorganised creches (7)
- 12 Ties the rest in knots (7)
- 13 Touches headless fish (4)
- 14 Inelegant straggling bush (9)
- 18 On the face of it, tray would break (9)
- 20 Range of laps to go round (4)
- 22 In Greenwich it appears to be an American city (7)
- 25 Strong women get flower stem initially (7)
- 26 Mongrel in grass passed over again (9)
- 27 Name a consumer said (5)
- 28 Girl's date is a let-down (14)

DOWN

- 1 Line pressed right into end (6)
- 2 Other bran mixture is detestable (9)
- 3 Control sheriff's men on ship (7)
- 4 Protective item to paste on screen (9)
- 5 Story about one returning to Israeli port (5)
- 6 Relieve thin leg when fractured (7)
- 7 Track down the first running event (5)
- 8 Almost stop building being hidden away (7)
- 15 Placed ideally in tree (9)
- 16 One's entering to get better ad-lib (9)
- 17 In favour of minor getting advance (7)
- 19 State region endless in operatic song (7)
- 20 Determined to put a barrier beside insect (7)



- 21 Lion starts tiring on the slope (6)
- 23 Plants cold when play begins? (5)
- 24 Poe's a mixed-up fable writer (5)