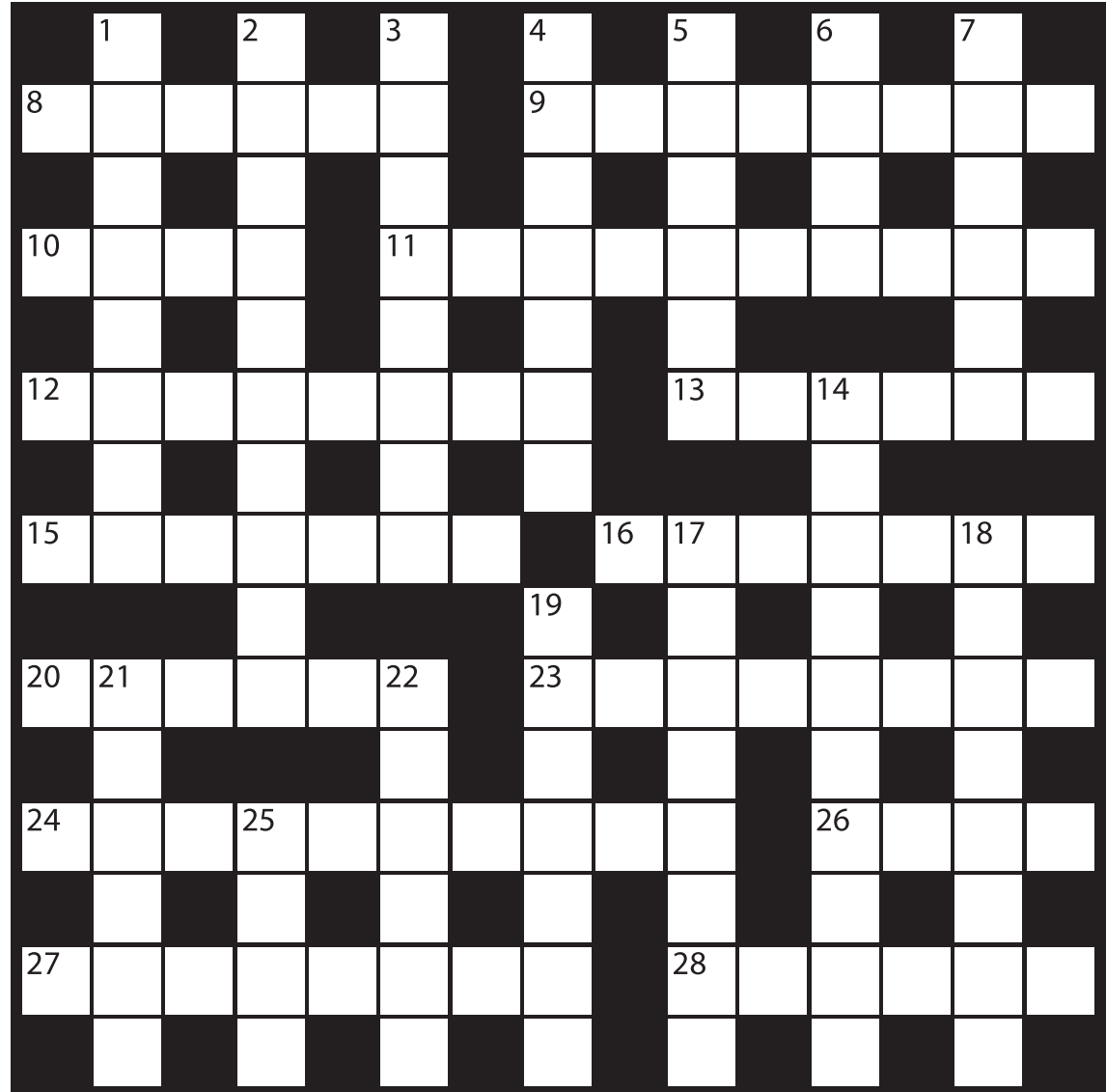


ACROSS

- 8 Sultanate where Ruben and I settled (6)
- 9 A can in fruit, expensive stuff (8)
- 10 People run fast (4)
- 11 Copying creates similar gap (10)
- 12 Plan in secret to study part of church (8)
- 13 Tinker with instrument (6)
- 15 The last variation shows sneakiness (7)
- 16 Endlessly push time as a warning (7)
- 20 Eight-footer requested by snooker player? (6)
- 23 Medication taken when sick, covered in glue (8)
- 24 Approval needed for each quest (10)
- 26 Part of the ear left with award (4)
- 27 Situation in coarse rioting (8)
- 28 Time fireplace proved a sensation (6)

DOWN

- 1 Poor rake caught in fight has to escape (5,3)
- 2 Get beneath stance (10)
- 3 'Motorway run' typing error? (8)
- 4 Part of a stereo, one would say (7)
- 5 Argument about removing cap on car tax (6)
- 6 Pastry dish right for feature of 22 down (4)
- 7 Item of seafood powerful thing, it's said (6)
- 14 Follower keeps in control (10)
- 17 Echo stereo broadcast around North America (8)
- 18 One full of dimples to whip up party (4,4)
- 19 Fruit with rotten pair on bed (7)



- 21 Evangelise when fruit found round river (6)
- 22 Arrange again in Blackpool, for example (6)
- 25 Perfect sweet (4)