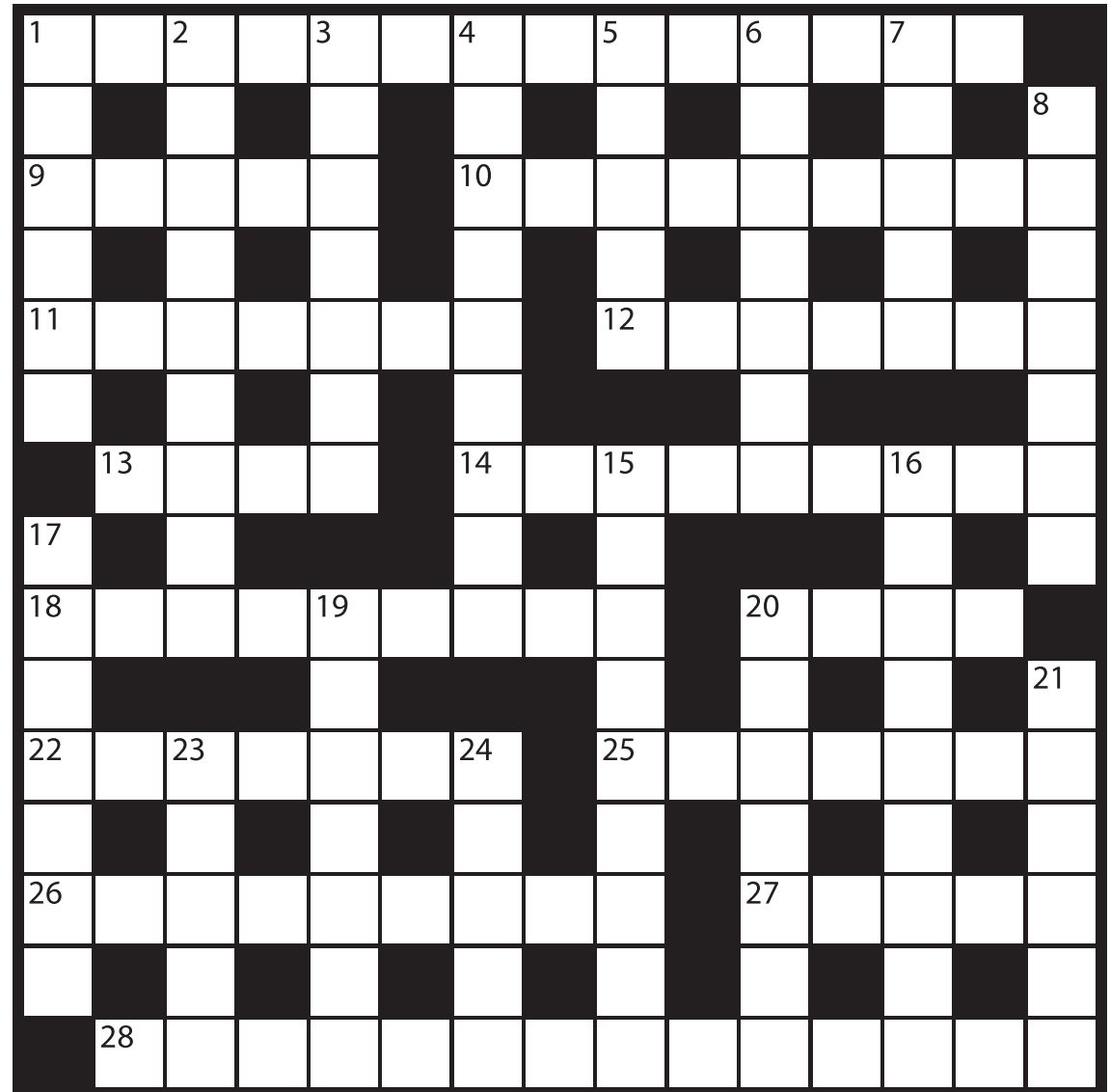


**ACROSS**

- 1 Bad weather gentlest in high places (5,9)
- 9 Fruit should be round to exist (5)
- 10 Sounds like most important moral code (9)
- 11 Pet food with rest cure (7)
- 12 Frame for those climbing out of bed? (7)
- 13 Metal button on the farm (4)
- 14 Take into consideration what host would do (9)
- 18 Those playing in the pit (9)
- 20 Chance that in winter I skate (4)
- 22 Oil able to form a flower (7)
- 25 Rip around top of golf peg by plant (3,4)
- 26 Domestic worker and Christmas speaker? (9)
- 27 Lazy person awfully riled (5)
- 28 A re-entry plan, it fails between Earth and Mars, perhaps (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Relieve those stampeding round ring (6)
- 2 Magnetic around one - mysterious! (9)
- 3 Gave medical help – for nothing? (7)
- 4 Tense – it's not ideal (9)
- 5 The man first to get to the robbery (5)
- 6 Peace-keepers turn up with plain type of energy (7)
- 7 Country to need pearls regularly (5)
- 8 Drink could be nastier (7)
- 15 Eatery thanks reformed traitor for going inside (9)
- 16 State Victoria's location (9)
- 17 Fish behind Scottish island crash (7)
- 19 Increase general problems (7)



- 20 Come to understand earliest, not entirely broken (7)
- 21 Affectionately at a high price (6)
- 23 Meat company breaching embargo (5)
- 24 Misbehave for all to see in broken pact (3,2)