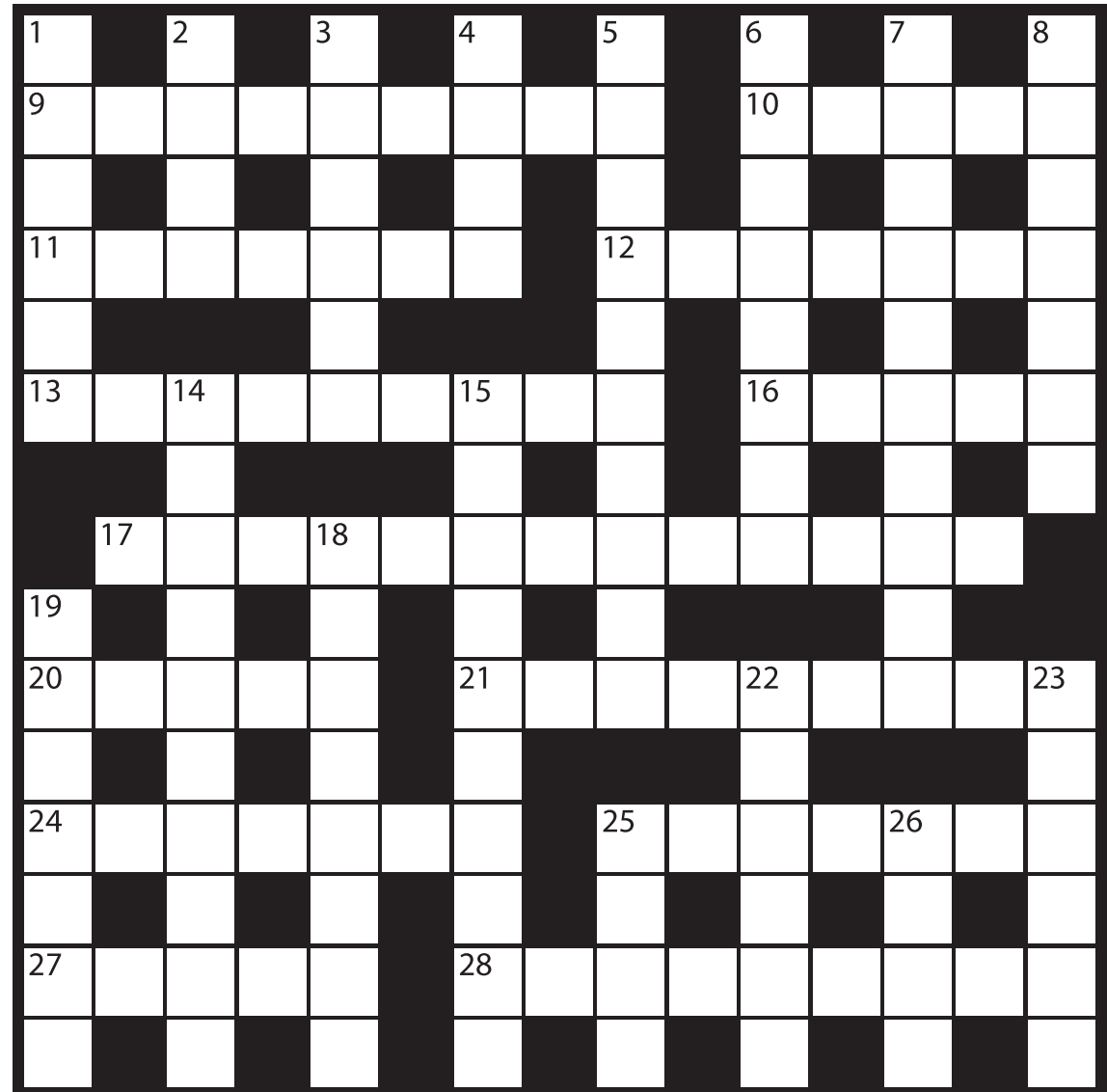


ACROSS

- 9 Crooked nasty hedonists (9)
- 10 Buzzing bee, so fat (5)
- 11 Brownd off, like the honoured guest was (7)
- 12 After short month, prepare soup for sea creature (7)
- 13 Keeping a bit back for making a booking (9)
- 16 Terribly eager to be consistent (5)
- 17 Its operators give down-to-earth advice (6,7)
- 20 Harvests variety of pears (5)
- 21 Team dashes to get additional sources of income (9)
- 24 Could it blow its top when hot? (7)
- 25 Unthankful person might get a roasting here? (7)
- 27 Waterway constructed from tin and aluminium (5)
- 28 Money specialist turning to incomes (9)

DOWN

- 1 Person in charge of the press gang (6)
- 2 Some colossal bones (4)
- 3 One who mails a bill? (6)
- 4 Something planted brings yield, we hear (4)
- 5 Powerful support for fortress (10)
- 6 Shorten a kind of bridge (8)
- 7 What the spice-seller might use to pay the rent? (10)
- 8 Woman in the star role is restricted (7)
- 14 Simplify men's retail organisation (10)
- 15 Unwilling to be laid up? (10)



- 18 Incompetent accepting good man who is insecure (8)
- 19 Disturbed vicar in outskirts of Paisley demands seclusion (7)
- 22 The French travel on a lake (6)
- 23 Has the fancy cover (6)
- 25 Press metal (4)
- 26 Very keen prima donna turns up (4)