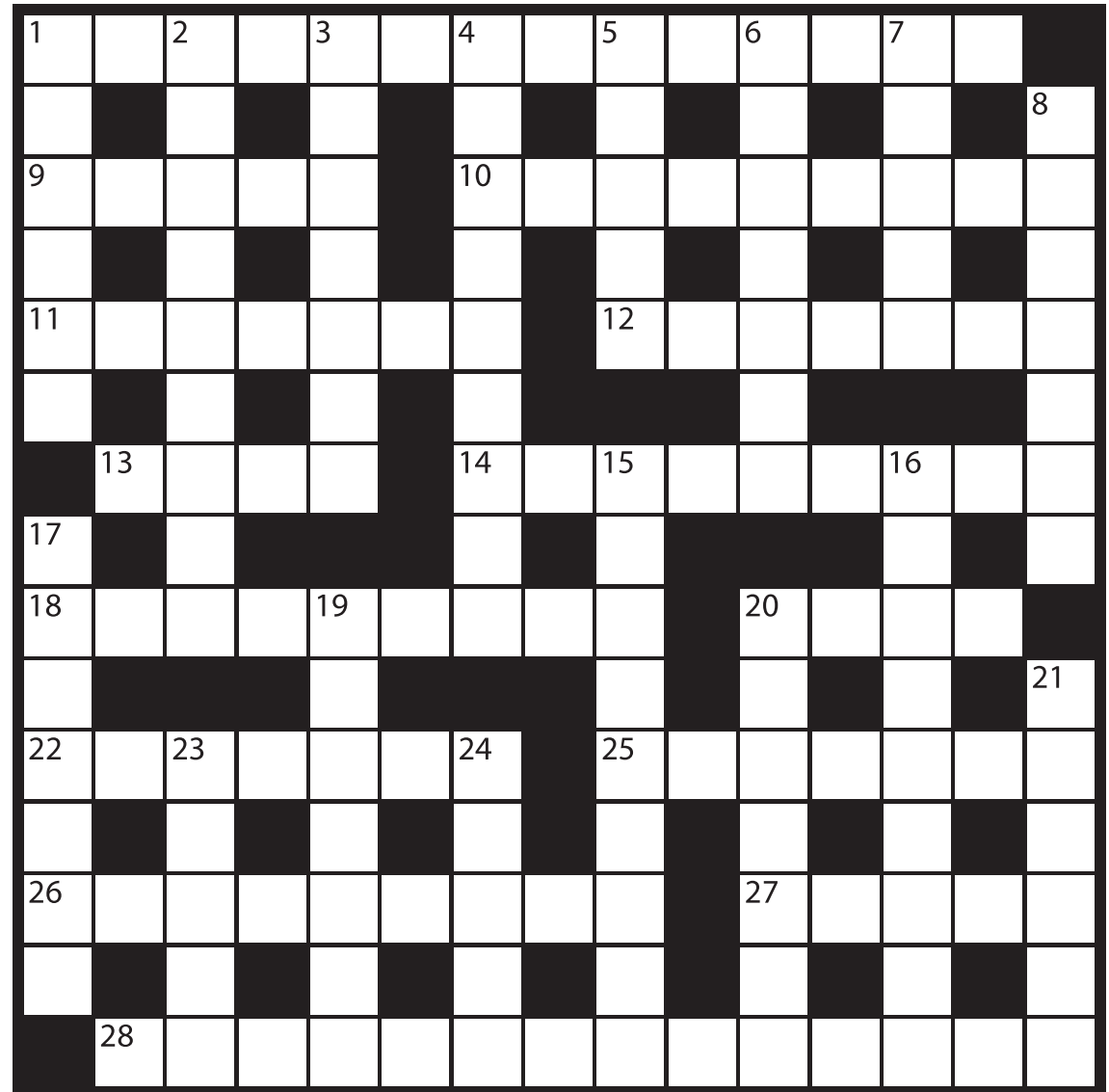


ACROSS

- 1 Bird unsettled men in peer group (7,7)
- 9 Beginnings of twisted torso (5)
- 10 Clients curse most terribly (9)
- 11 Bad weather to start descending on mountain (7)
- 12 Refuse to fall (7)
- 13 Just beats time signal (4)
- 14 Destroy but create aid, somehow (9)
- 18 Earwig wriggled over spade (9)
- 20 Finished first in Division One (4)
- 22 In favour of window glass and gas (7)
- 25 Prize ribbon with flower pattern at the centre (7)
- 26 Ragged tearing, in keeping (9)
- 27 Cards include right measurements (5)
- 28 Careless lads do unearth old manuscripts (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Serge's place by exit (6)
- 2 Composer is top golfer of Kiev, surprisingly (9)
- 3 Lives with conflicting desires (7)
- 4 Storyteller managed to take company in? True, sadly (9)
- 5 Release dogs, some would be relieved (5)
- 6 Coaching without a stew of dumplings (7)
- 7 Ancient tribe requiring one nice change (5)
- 8 Guided by that woman but worn out (7)
- 15 Invert sugar added to a spring vegetable (9)
- 16 Gold Renault revamped plainly (2,7)
- 17 Paroled wild beast (7)
- 19 A bride's fancy feathered creature (7)



- 20 Utter hopelessness of the French couple (7)
- 21 Against inside covers usually (6)
- 23 Revealed soldiers over the top (5)
- 24 The best part of Crewe, lit extensively (5)