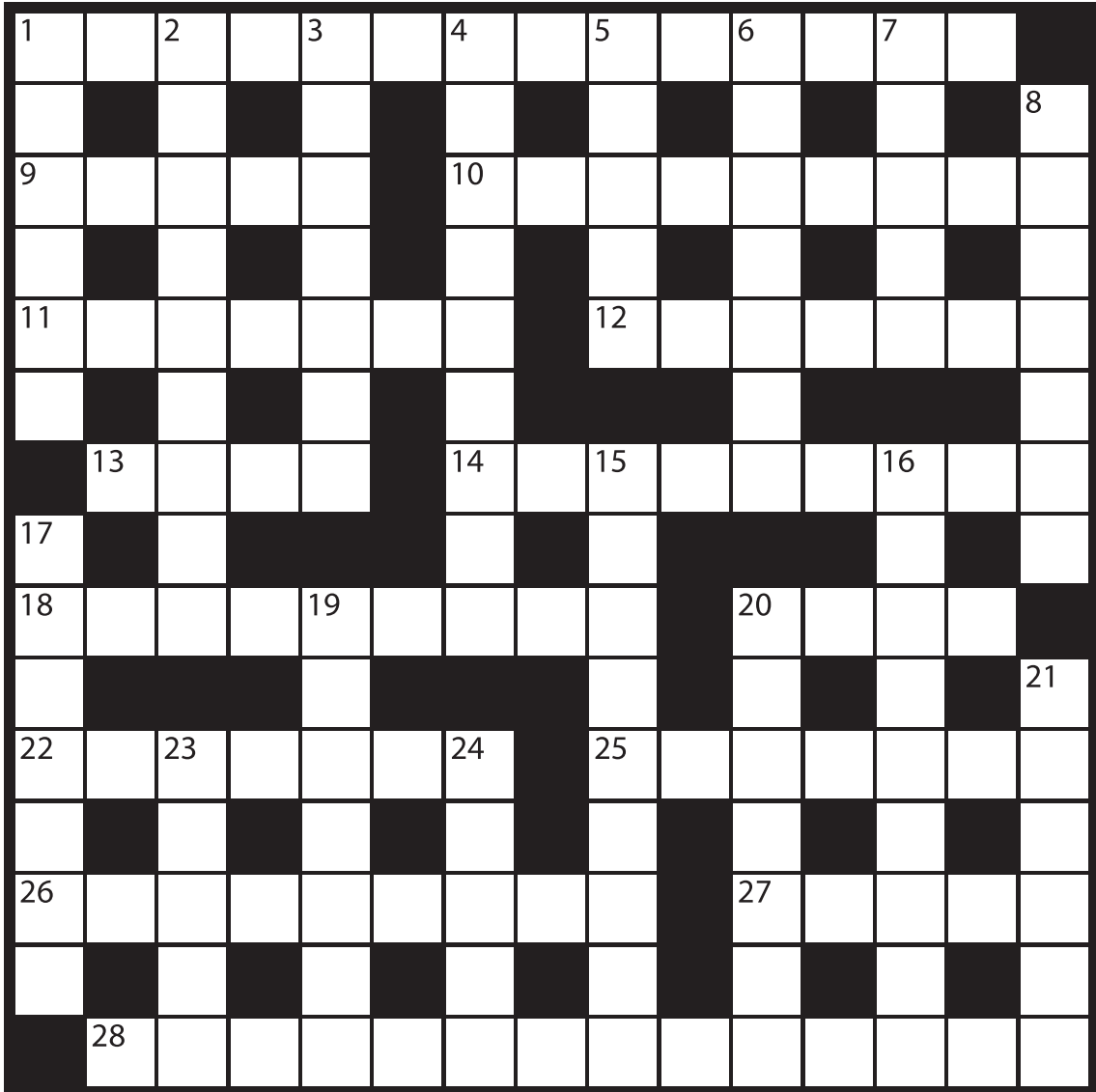


ACROSS

- 1 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)
- 9 Complains bitterly about train tracks (5)
- 10 Heavenly song? (9)
- 11 Second NT saint's conversion (7)
- 12 Letter, ie, spelt out (7)
- 13 Tryst could bear fruit (4)
- 14 Burdening with an unpleasant task, walking awkwardly (9)
- 18 Eastern fashion in official list is one to look up to (4,5)
- 20 Lad keeps note in trunk (4)
- 22 Opera I'm composing for trading centres (7)
- 25 Shoe for the football coach (7)
- 26 Forerunner before flashing marker (9)
- 27 Barnabas, essentially, holds foundations (5)
- 28 A re-entry plan, it fails between Earth and Mars, perhaps (14)

DOWN

- 1 Big fish to damage incomplete cord (6)
- 2 Check booth and put back in place (9)
- 3 Short street on which poor Len's put in bondage (7)
- 4 Emigrated as a result of stirring Ed's letter (9)
- 5 Grab the Med and the Baltic, say? (5)
- 6 Stupid as I, being one over the eight (7)
- 7 It hardly covers the earth (5)
- 8 Riotous rally, eg, leads to unpleasant reaction (7)
- 15 Civil force capture a king with serviceable relics (9)
- 16 Ones entering country, Asian republic (9)
- 17 MP Peter turned to thwart plan (3-4)



- 19 Make of car has key in tent (7)
- 20 Second character to hike finds prickly plant (7)
- 21 Tawdry attempt to hide residue (6)
- 23 Clean pair, born to be raised (5)
- 24 Poe's a mixed-up fable writer (5)