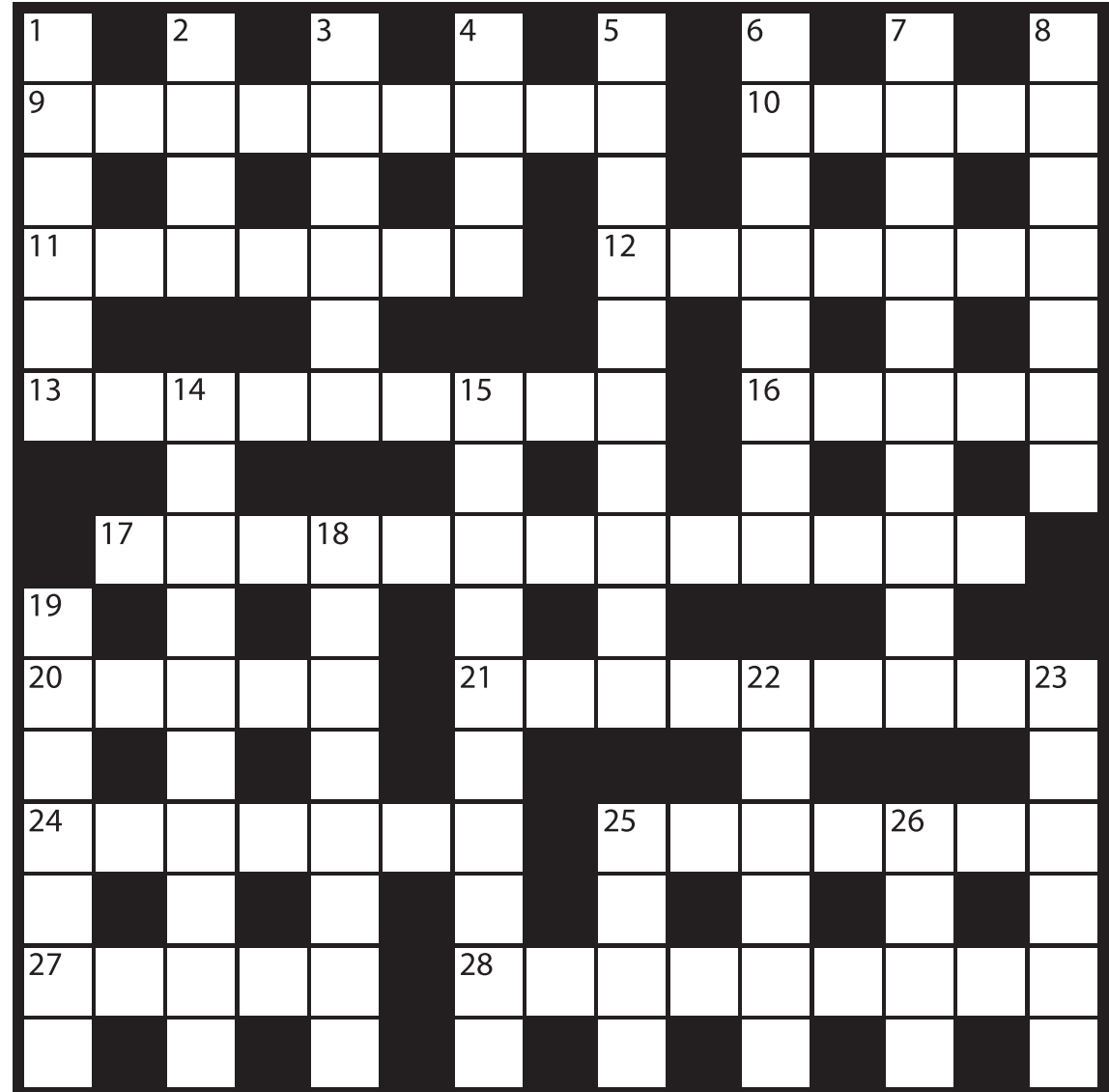


ACROSS

- 9 Emergence of a race following me back (9)
- 10 Everyone at home very tired (3-2)
- 11 Standing on hind legs, growing (7)
- 12 Batting with leg ring is neither here nor there (2,5)
- 13 Demonstrate, with hesitation, top bath-time accessory (6,3)
- 16 Laughs loudly as fires fail to start (5)
- 17 Seasoned style is fashioned, of course (8,2,3)
- 20 Eyes up damsel going back inside (5)
- 21 Liquid mixer wet as road, unfortunately (4,5)
- 24 Double the wave to start stormy flood (7)
- 25 Scientist's box found outside Michigan (7)
- 27 Buzzing bee, so fat (5)
- 28 Variable hours for female to take leave in tree (9)

DOWN

- 1 Discovers trainee is making money (6)
- 2 Somewhat sec, a vapid wine (4)
- 3 Confuse vet lan, a local inhabitant (6)
- 4 Relatives take initial game with picture card (4)
- 5 Unwilling to be laid up? (10)
- 6 Exaggerated fuss when eccentric hobo embraces friend (8)
- 7 Brightly coloured fly boatman cooked (10)
- 8 Recommend red ones again (7)
- 14 Failed to notice survey by journalist (10)
- 15 Unhappy with coffee she'd made (7,3)
- 18 Find out when the record's finished? (8)
- 19 Some left – no one returned (7)



- 22 Small pastry features in sentimental film (6)
- 23 Rogue, right beast (6)
- 25 Shipping company? (4)
- 26 Flower from Limerick, hard to cut (4)