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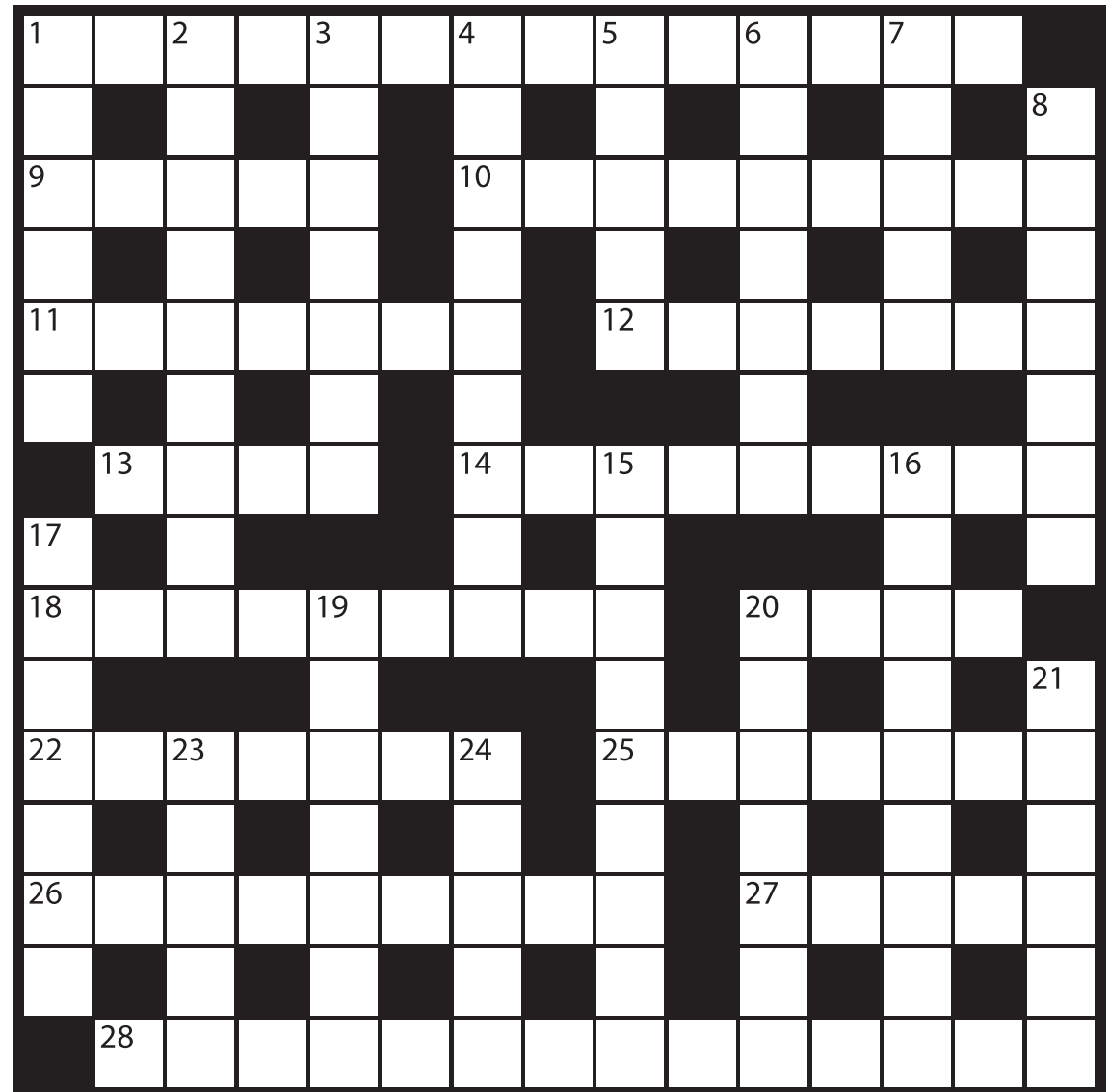
- 1 Where monks meet to celebrate forty again (9,5)
- 9 Witches' assembly in bay to north (5)
- 10 Replace catalogue, clot! (9)
- 11 Empty article cropped up with flower (3,4)
- 12 Most insignificant set it in motion (7)
- 13 Returning in haste, I decide to lose weight (4)
- 14 Toaster we transported in this (3-6)
- 18 Into the sea without directors' approval (9)
- 20 Gangster requires American bonnet (4)
- 22 Reader of lines from hymn composer missing son (7)
- 25 Is a coin spinning in this island capital? (7)
- 26 Waterproof sheet boy and I tossed into mountain lake (9)
- 27 A leader still to come (5)
- 28 No end of furniture and smart clothes (5-5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Speak from memory in later EC itemisation (6)
- 2 Indoor sport could be eased if involving four (4-1-4)
- 3 Trick kind companion (7)
- 4 Gold box given to painter for those in the pit (9)
- 5 Brewing agent from Skye, a stickler (5)
- 6 Manual work, note, for former female students (7)
- 7 Hire, if you don't mind non-starter (5)
- 8 False set turned violent, gaining energy (7)
- 15 Artillery involves one regulation (9)
- 16 Philosopher on time to get bottom drawer's contents? (9)

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- 17 Firm favourite has me on the outside to contend with (7)
- 19 Body of troops ordered to carry kit (7)
- 20 The acre must be converted to a metric measure (7)
- 21 Group have a thing for the robber (6)
- 23 Wood left by spanner? (5)
- 24 Bulb unusually lit up (5)