

## ACROSS

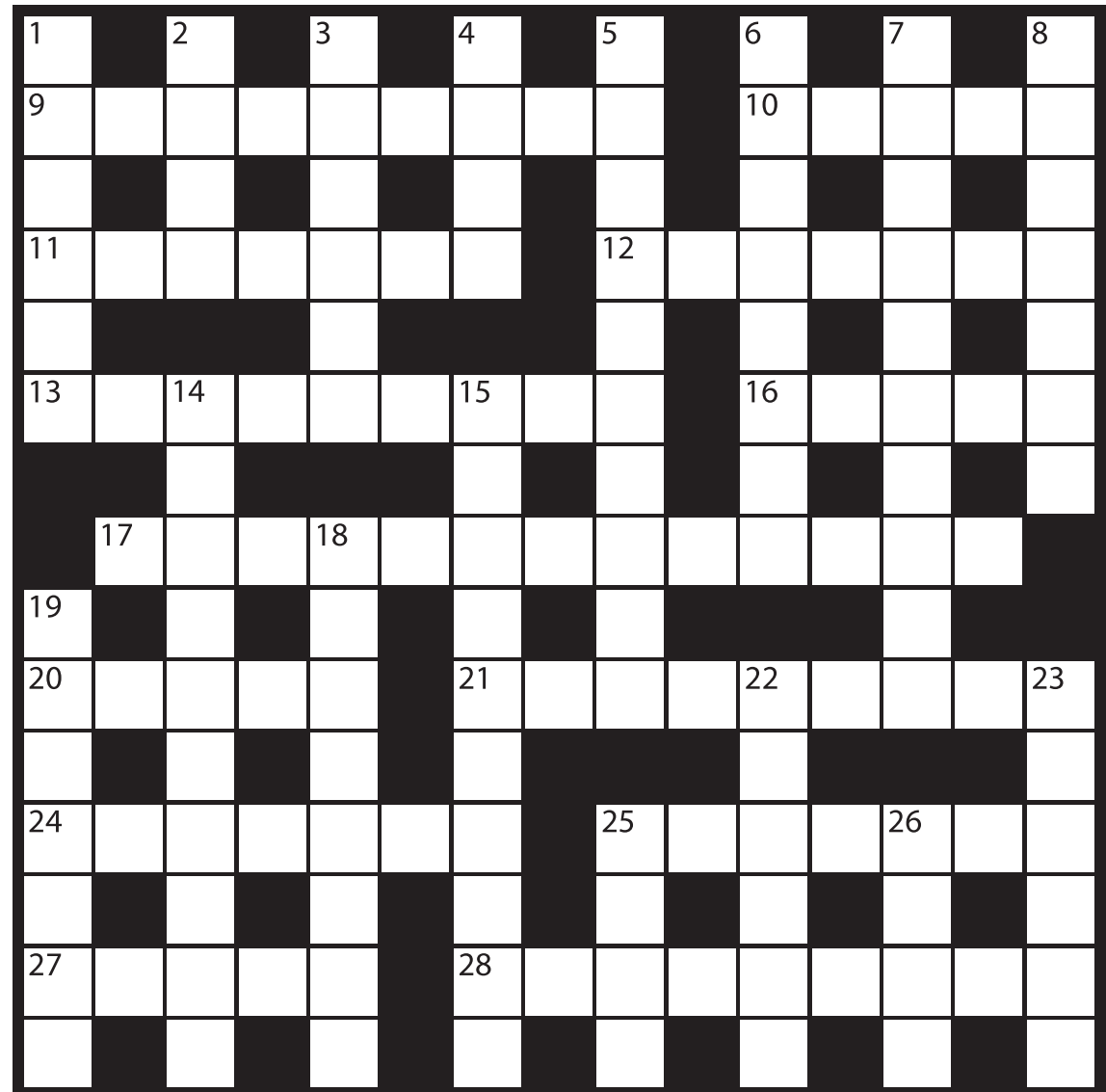
- 9 Frank had a meal for applicant (9)  
10 Clear air distributed there (5)  
11 Rep is to arrange counter-attack (7)  
12 Loved taking in top of nightgown to be decorated (7)  
13 Besiege poor rebel containing fever (9)  
16 Passage through a little piece of land (5)  
17 Following the trend, to a certain extent (5,1,7)  
20 Oarsman carried by hero, we recall (5)  
21 Rush to the spring to get pretty plant (9)  
24 Verify prisoner stable (7)  
25 Suspended writer with depression (7)  
27 Oozes, it's said, given Welsh vegetables (5)  
28 Terrifying dream of dark horse (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Crabs wandering round a beetle (6)  
2 Break vessels up (4)  
3 Feast I set out for a carnival (6)  
4 Time for fruit (4)  
5 Pater irate, confused – send him back home (10)  
6 One patch prepared for monument (8)  
7 Rock at the bottom of river produces imitation gem (10)  
8 Restrains new wives left inside (7)  
14 Socialist remaining constant complainer, but not hothead (4-6)  
15 Modest amount invested in using an alternative (10)  
18 Peer I briefly estimate to be the first to arrive (8)

Friday, 23rd April, 2021

No. 15,547 by Puzzler Media



- 19 Thorn put right in the relish (7)  
22 A noted eccentric to give (6)  
23 Refuse the young animals (6)  
25 Quiet time for attendant (4)  
26 Former morning test (4)