

**ACROSS**

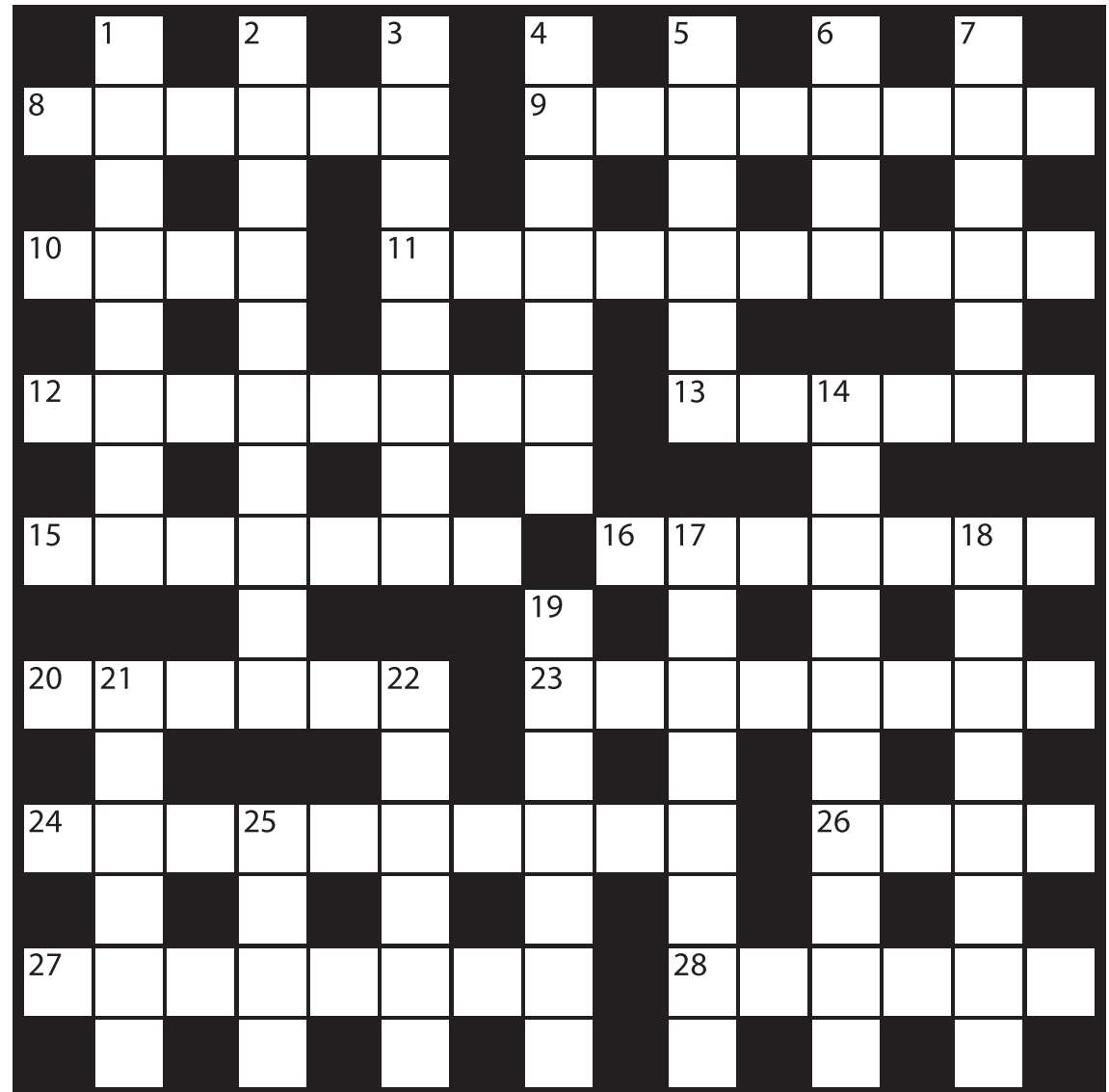
- 8 Stop going backwards and forwards (4,2)  
 9 Of no practical significance to a don (8)  
 10 Bounced sound in the chorus (4)  
 11 Scientist's room for a choice between politicians? (10)  
 12 Hit with sound of gun, exactly (4,4)  
 13 Pipework to yank round rubbish receptacle (6)  
 15 Sound kitchen utensil is bigger (7)  
 16 Bad-tempered agent gulps back dessert wine (7)  
 20 Drink to throw around also (6)  
 23 Dog shown beer (8)  
 24 Converted, and starlet made (10)  
 26 Right to leave cook in the kiln (4)  
 27 Few lower, strange creature of the night (8)  
 28 Footballing bird? (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Well-built slum a cur destroyed (8)  
 2 Find pool in trouble around Los Angeles, area easily swamped (5,5)  
 3 Amount wasted when Herb swallows tablet (8)  
 4 Dress takes years to become trash (7)  
 5 Bird producing average rubbish (6)  
 6 Side remaining? (4)  
 7 Fruit with corn – it gets cooked (6)  
 14 Dracula? (5,5)  
 17 Refuse to become blue (4,4)  
 18 I cut up outhouse having used a shammy (8)  
 19 Dog causing mother's argument (7)

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- 21 Part of New York where Mahler composed (6)  
 22 Shout 'that hurt', when cowardly (6)  
 25 Require work that's listened to (4)