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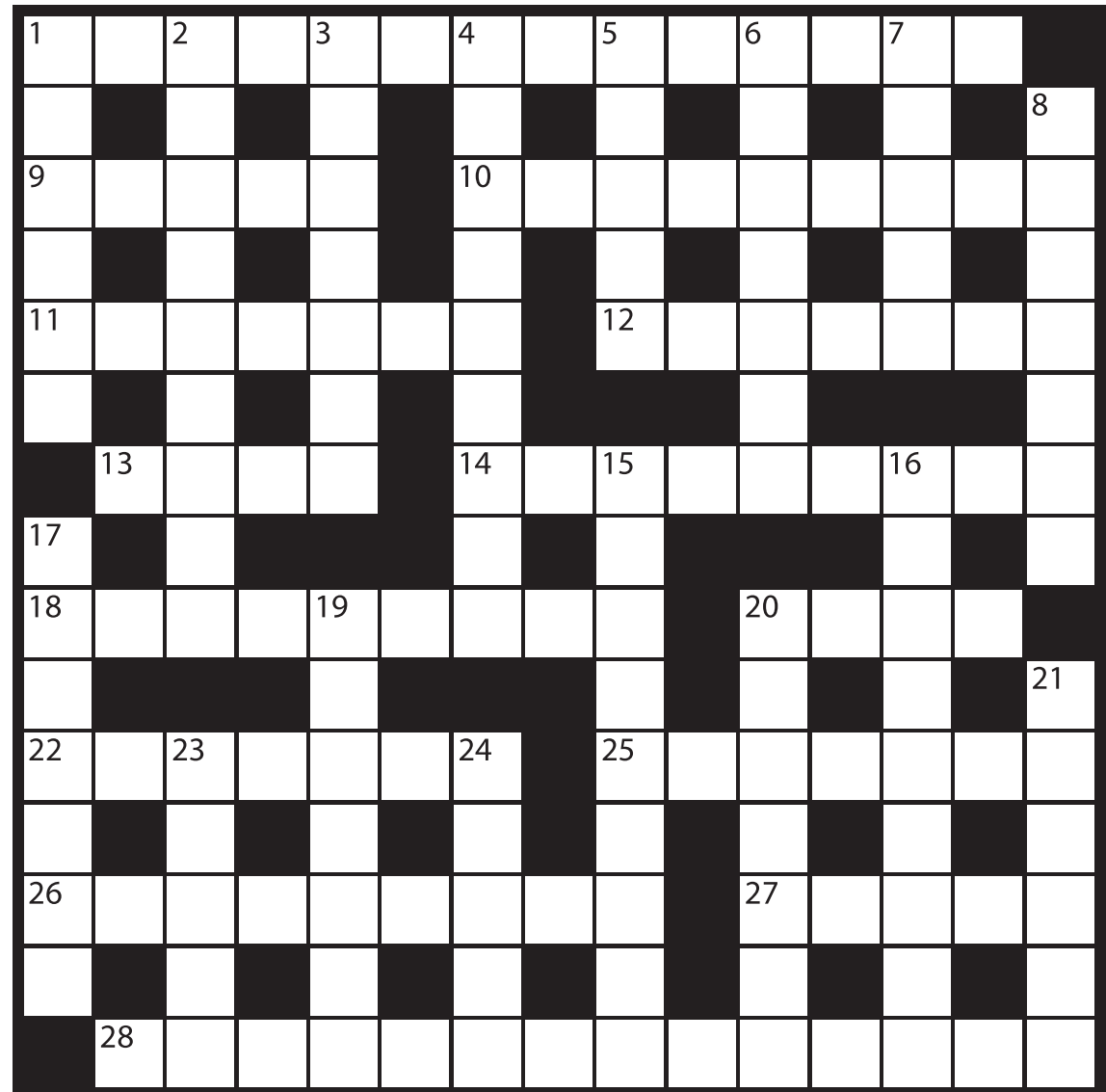
- 1 Appear as fruit to act as chaperone (4,10)
 9 Element found in Pelargonium (5)
 10 Capitalist with girl putting on different costume (9)
 11 Nuts to shroud Internet with dusty snares (7)
 12 In huge pit, a physician's inscribed words (7)
 13 Tale of silver in South Africa (4)
 14 Instrument for house planner working outside (9)
 18 Criminal tennis player? (9)
 20 Shame mine takes years (4)
 22 Yours truly has a less distressing disease (7)
 25 Pawn animal to secure knee-pad (7)
 26 Four caught in deadlock showing no emotion (9)
 27 Poltergeist held back white bird (5)
 28 And benefits Mrs Twist with dog (4,4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Quietly managed church dance (6)
 2 Bill grabbing poor Gabriel is numerically symbolic (9)
 3 Soldier given a big plant (7)
 4 So men turn to guru sticking to official policy (2-7)
 5 Follow directions and take to court (5)
 6 Wear rose, possibly, with one on (7)
 7 Tiara ruined by yogurt dish (5)
 8 Me to embrace actor Mr Hawke - what a gas! (7)
 15 Writers' material shrewd men used in exercises (9)
 16 Subcontract abroad before spring (9)

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- 17 Mischievous sprite to smile about ruined elm (7)
 19 Strangely silent about son who joins the forces (7)
 20 Bacteriologist to stick with old city (7)
 21 Performed winter sport and sled limits over girl (6)
 23 Have laugh on mountain with Athenian character (5)
 24 Strike small, small creature (5)