

**ACROSS**

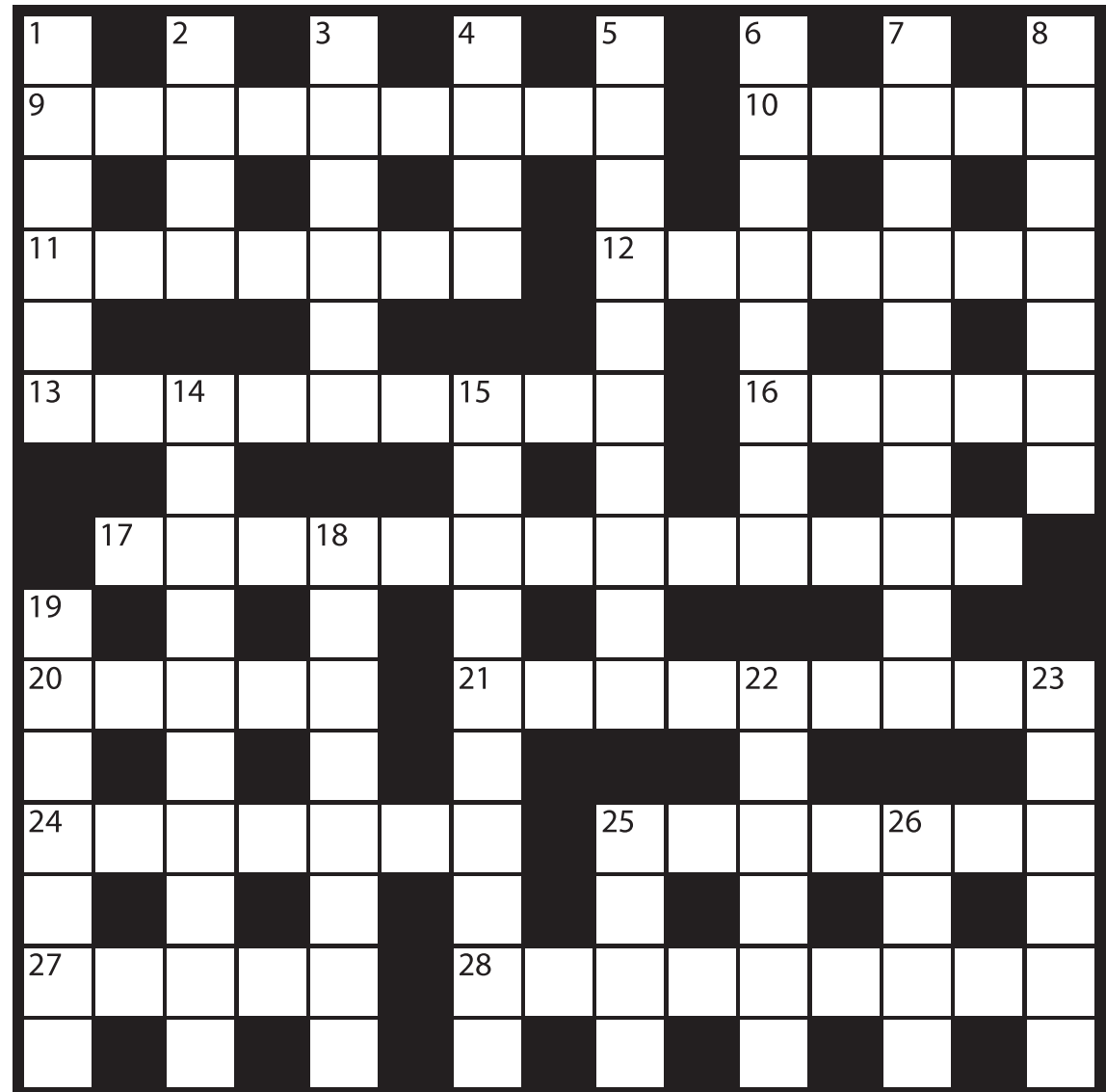
- 9 Opening for actor (5,4)  
 10 Father to possess gloomy expression (5)  
 11 Shoe makes toady hesitate (7)  
 12 Bloke leaves one city for another (7)  
 13 Release old, cattier version (9)  
 16 Opted to change headquarters (5)  
 17 Pack animal best for Danube journey (5,2,6)  
 20 Also involved a small number in the gun discharge (5)  
 21 Unwelcome guests more impolite covered in crawling nits (9)  
 24 Girl going round bed finds cheese (7)  
 25 Making observation about hotel of no value (7)  
 27 Vessels taking numbers of sheep round river (5)  
 28 Terence to cook piece of steak (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Maiden hiding in tipsy chemist's shop (6)  
 2 Ashen, friend on top of Eiger (4)  
 3 Penny in new Indian or old Greek city (6)  
 4 Pig sounds like a tedious person (4)  
 5 Two animals, one in a sportsman's hand? (7,3)  
 6 Criminal ring placed on F wing in the US (8)  
 7 Spokesperson worried by home cup-tie (10)  
 8 Nut cracked by girl, whopper? (7)  
 14 Conservative rebel felt around for musical symbol (6,4)  
 15 A bad note I'm playing is disliked intensely (10)

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- 18 Sir Walter is hard, and from north of the border (8)  
 19 One who seizes power from frantic pursuer (7)  
 22 Freed and nearly united (6)  
 23 Unhappy about rising soufflé ingredient – sank in the middle! (6)  
 25 Traps lacy curtains (4)  
 26 Press to get golf club (4)