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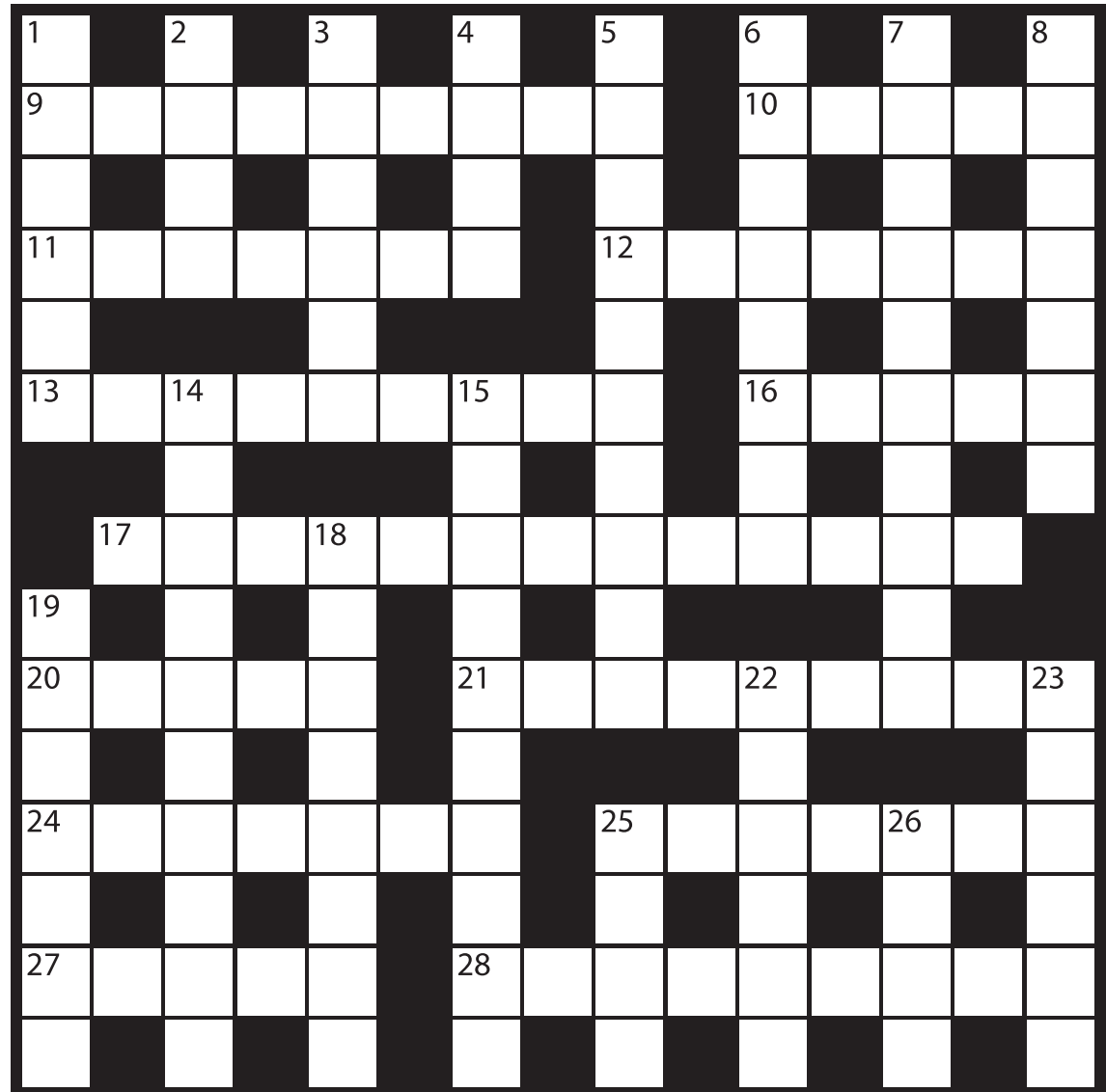
- 9 Unusual hot claret and pudding (9)
10 Cut her as ordered (5)
11 Le Carré novel, more readable (7)
12 Daughter split before journalist strayed (7)
13 Moving staircase damaged Clara's toe (9)
16 A donated tropical plant (5)
17 Dull grunt Einstein produced! (13)
20 Those people's Irish article comes first (5)
21 Could be nasty, Bond awaiting action (2,5-2)
24 Claim he upset archangel (7)
25 Following trial, tucked in with a will (7)
27 Local language needs some spelling, obviously (5)
28 How direct information comes from winning deal (5-4)

DOWN

- 1 I circle from right of wintry feature (6)
2 Weak filament housing (4)
3 Consisting of blossoms arranged for all (6)
4 Vermin rising to become celebrity (4)
5 Sender sent off to find compassion (10)
6 Person who hopes to reform partisan (8)
7 Checked residue was wet (10)
8 Expressed resentment, though kept under control (7)
14 Deign to go down after study (10)
15 Around the east, nurturing of fertile biblical plant (4,2,4)
18 Ran up to rodent or storyteller (8)
19 Lose your balance, start slipping and fall (7)

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- 22 Effects as groups (6)
23 Yes, lid turns and gives way (6)
25 Conservative tale not begun (4)
26 Not at home in Wishaw? Aye! (4)