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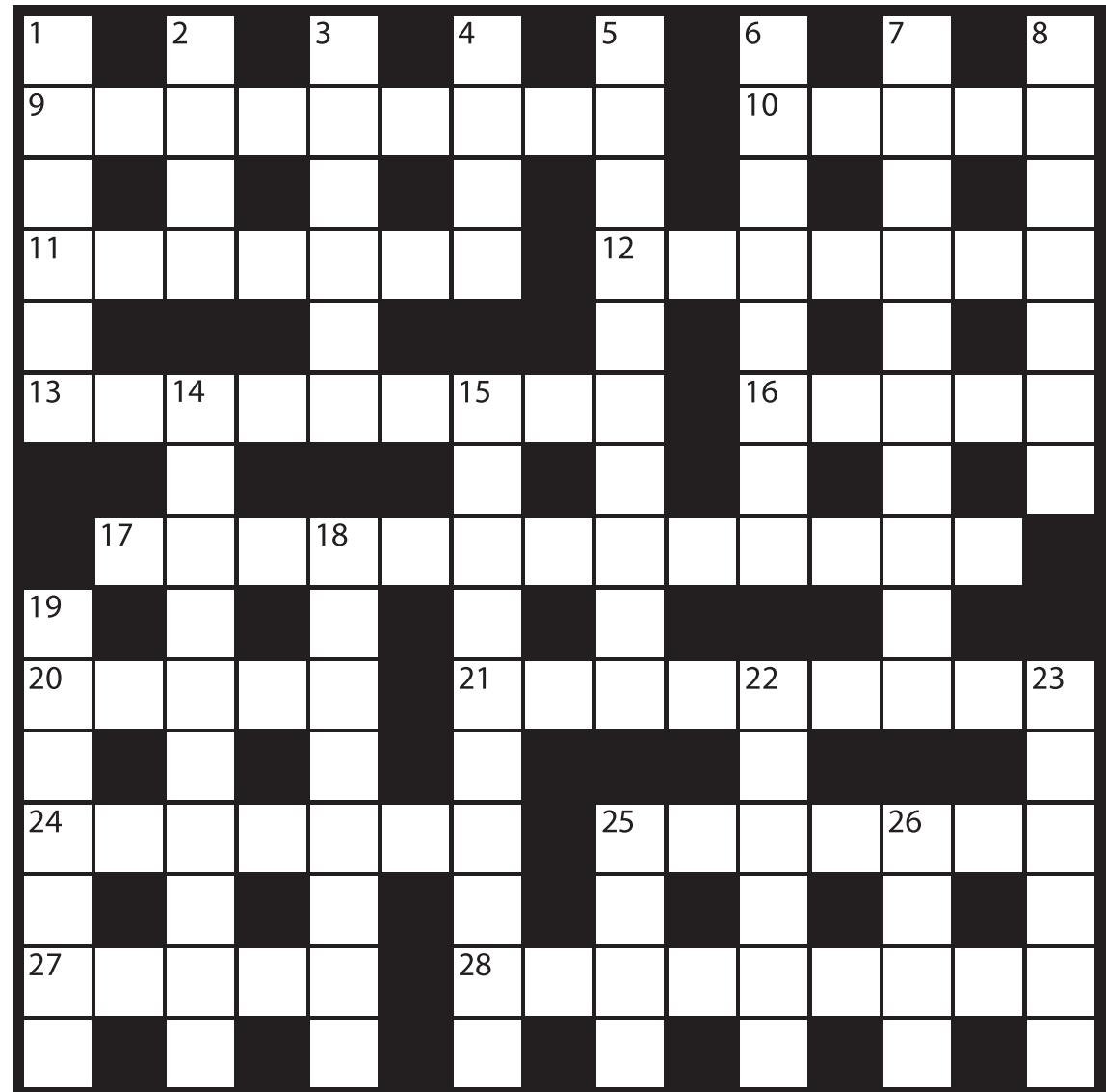
- 9 This is ugly, terribly ugly this around the north (9)
 10 French girl outside a city (5)
 11 Arrange little girl's stance (7)
 12 Always set out for mountain (7)
 13 Before hesitating, prepped tossed salad ingredient (3,6)
 16 Finer sort of way to draw a conclusion (5)
 17 Race to give American money to major newspaper (5,8)
 20 Love poetry, almost, for deliveries (5)
 21 Outside Maidenhead, generate unusual contract (9)
 24 Agrees with friends after time (7)
 25 Suspect photo is why you can't hold the handle? (7)
 27 Phones for jewellery (5)
 28 New vet in Nice offers encouragement (9)

DOWN

- 1 Crime to pull up old horse (6)
 2 Clasps part of snakes (4)
 3 Deliberately avoid devastated region (6)
 4 Central feature of a nasty eye (4)
 5 Keyboard with pretty wire, knotted (10)
 6 I go after pixie gets alien skin condition (8)
 7 Unprotected tongue flaked off during term (5,5)
 8 Bird from cold north (7)
 14 Bold Jack is getting fish in for tea (10)
 15 Author's trendy handwriting (10)
 18 Taking a drink in the home is most objectionable (8)
 19 Let Tory organise the raffle (7)

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- 22 Power unit raised in benign environment (6)
 23 Some slate the reporter's restraint (6)
 25 Married one on the staff (4)
 26 Hot tune – from the musical? (4)