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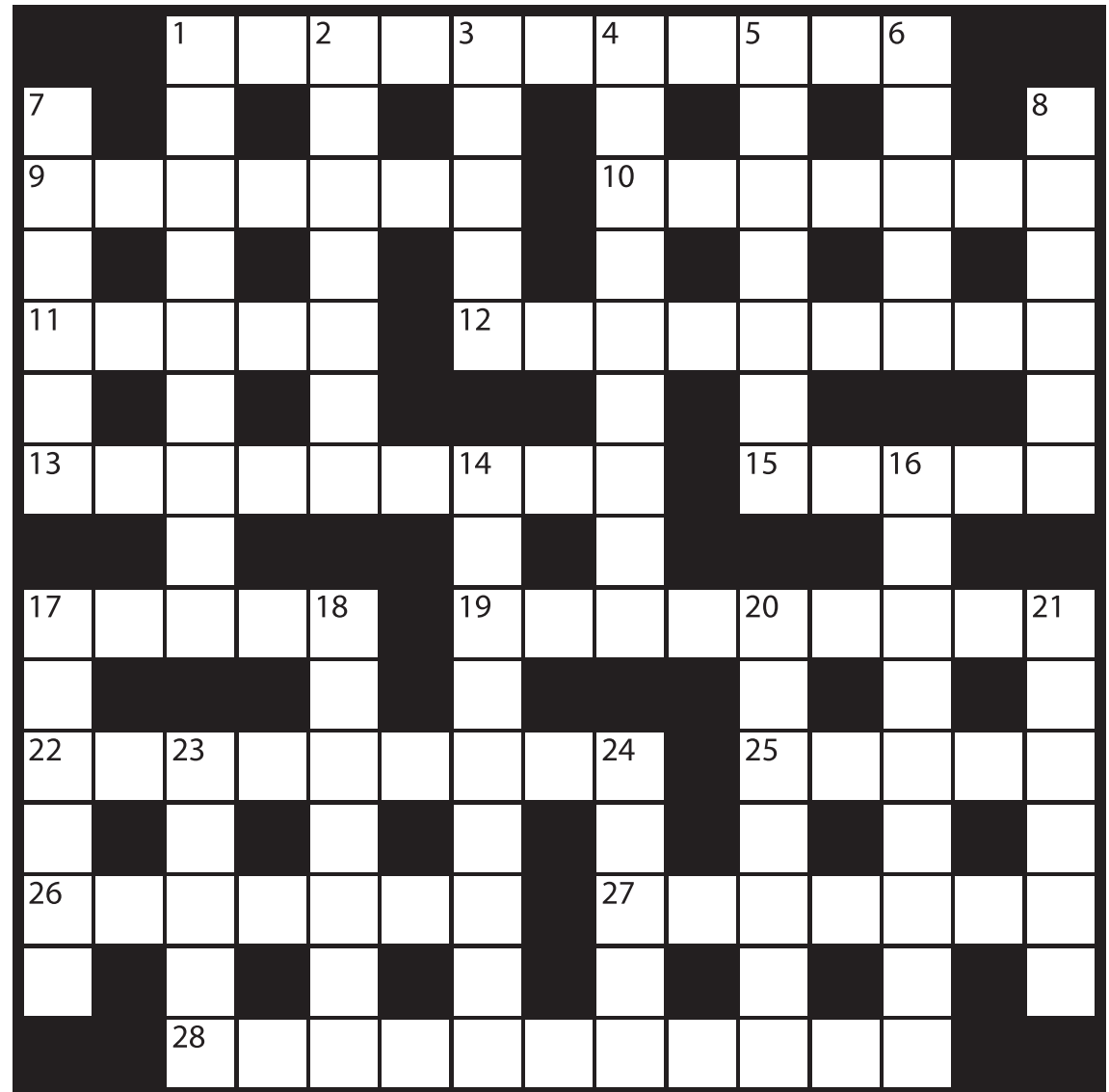
- 1 Infantryman is twelve-inch ant (4,7)
 9 Car tour arranged for custodian (7)
 10 Perfect beginners (7)
 11 Proportion of allowance cut short (5)
 12 Not a strong requirement, we hear, for those with little determination (4-5)
 13 Cast doubt on record? Tried, stupidly (9)
 15 Maud's upset French writer (5)
 17 Leading climber has breather on the summit (5)
 19 Co-star Pauline hid the cloth (9)
 22 Explain another reprint – and in French (9)
 25 To an extent, arboreal emu resembles monkey-like tree dweller (5)
 26 Adolescent golf supporter on horse last in race (7)
 27 Great at moulding boats in a hurry (7)
 28 One who attends plays – or scenes of operations? (7-4)

DOWN

- 1 Sample free toast, perhaps (9)
 2 Excel with alternative in the open air (7)
 3 Southern sailors twist (5)
 4 Another ancestral place in the north-west (9)
 5 Called upon one king in Devon mysteriously (7)
 6 In Peru, cheap pleated frilling (5)
 7 Start to see awful decor was etched deeply (6)
 8 Private remarks from assistants holding squadron leader (6)
 14 Cleaner to put a man off (9)
 16 Surprisingly more time left on the clock (9)

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- 17 Chapter head with sound suggestions for the cloth (6)
 18 Caterer demolished row of houses (7)
 20 Strange ogre following everyone in a lively manner (7)
 21 There isn't a right procedure in the country (6)
 23 Stealing a financial newspaper! (5)
 24 Brief: steer a different course (5)