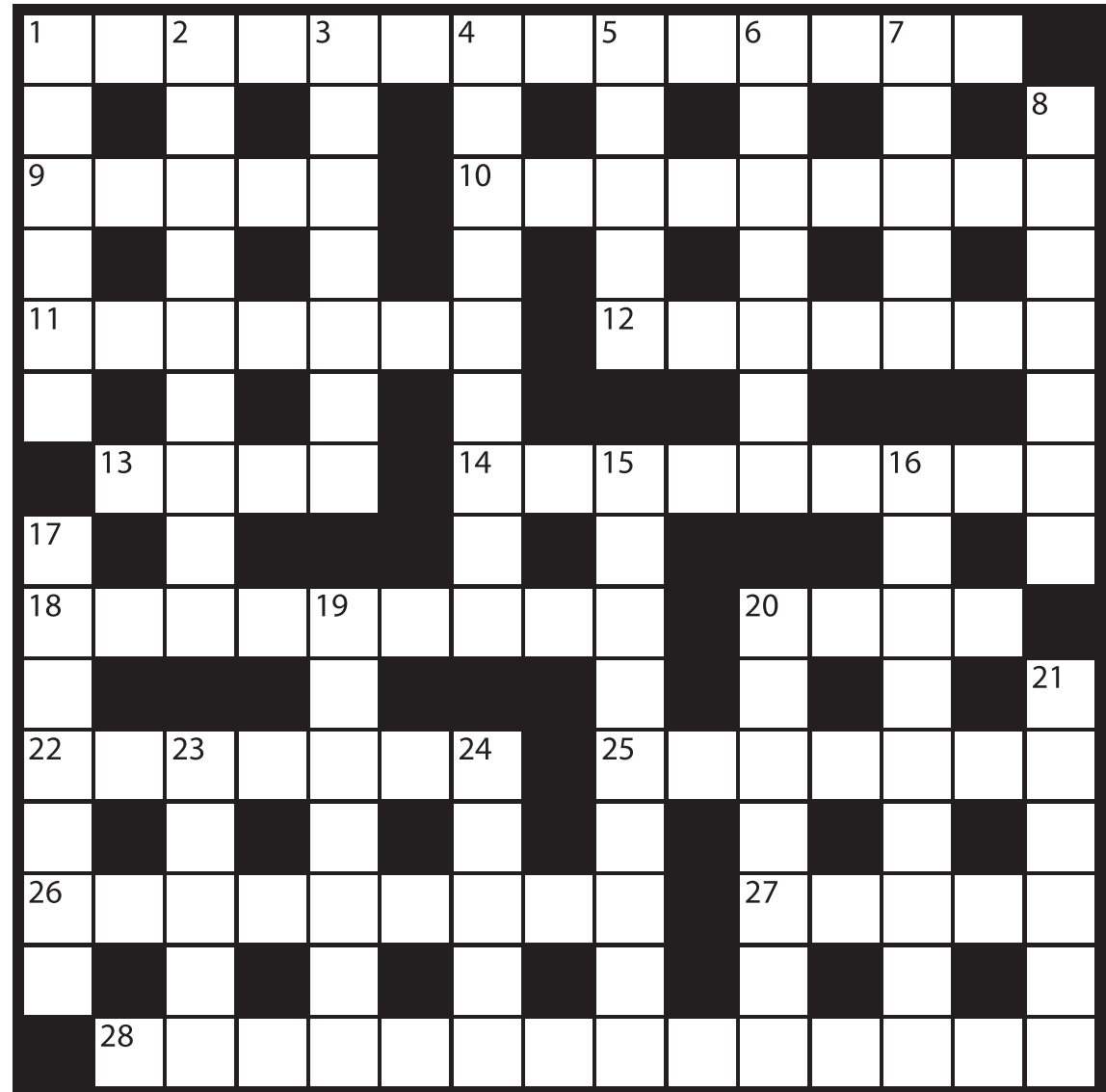


ACROSS

- 1 Door attendant cut one with rage (14)
- 9 Part luxury, somewhat overly excessive (5)
- 10 Simultaneously treats oak badly (2,1,6)
- 11 Some teacher I should hold dear (7)
- 12 Nice lad travelling round the country (7)
- 13 Spoil some interior detail with these paints? (4)
- 14 Can batsman find kitchen utensil? (3-6)
- 18 Supply plans for placing coils around central point (9)
- 20 Embrace European giant (4)
- 22 Clear the sailor must find the answer (7)
- 25 Capital is large and sprawling (7)
- 26 Harshly criticising animal that is sick (9)
- 27 Little time amid awful fear then (5)
- 28 Solo pop recording passed across to heartless lady (6-8)

DOWN

- 1 Seize contents of nest (6)
- 2 Complaining unmitigated within Chinese dynasty (9)
- 3 Characters on the slope? (7)
- 4 Sort of Western food (9)
- 5 Yes, a sanctimonious creature (5)
- 6 New part out of place in Belgian port (7)
- 7 Curio jar contains alcoholic drink (5)
- 8 Commanders may be dodgy dealers (7)
- 15 Giant also upset, looking back fondly (9)
- 16 Foreign gent led EC but was ignored (9)
- 17 Local man accurately keeps yearbook (7)
- 19 Rescuing about fifty by applying ointment (7)



- 20 Tired-looking author (7)
- 21 Predator's very large quarry (6)
- 23 Written in census, historical dish of Japan (5)
- 24 Felix easily holds back refugee (5)