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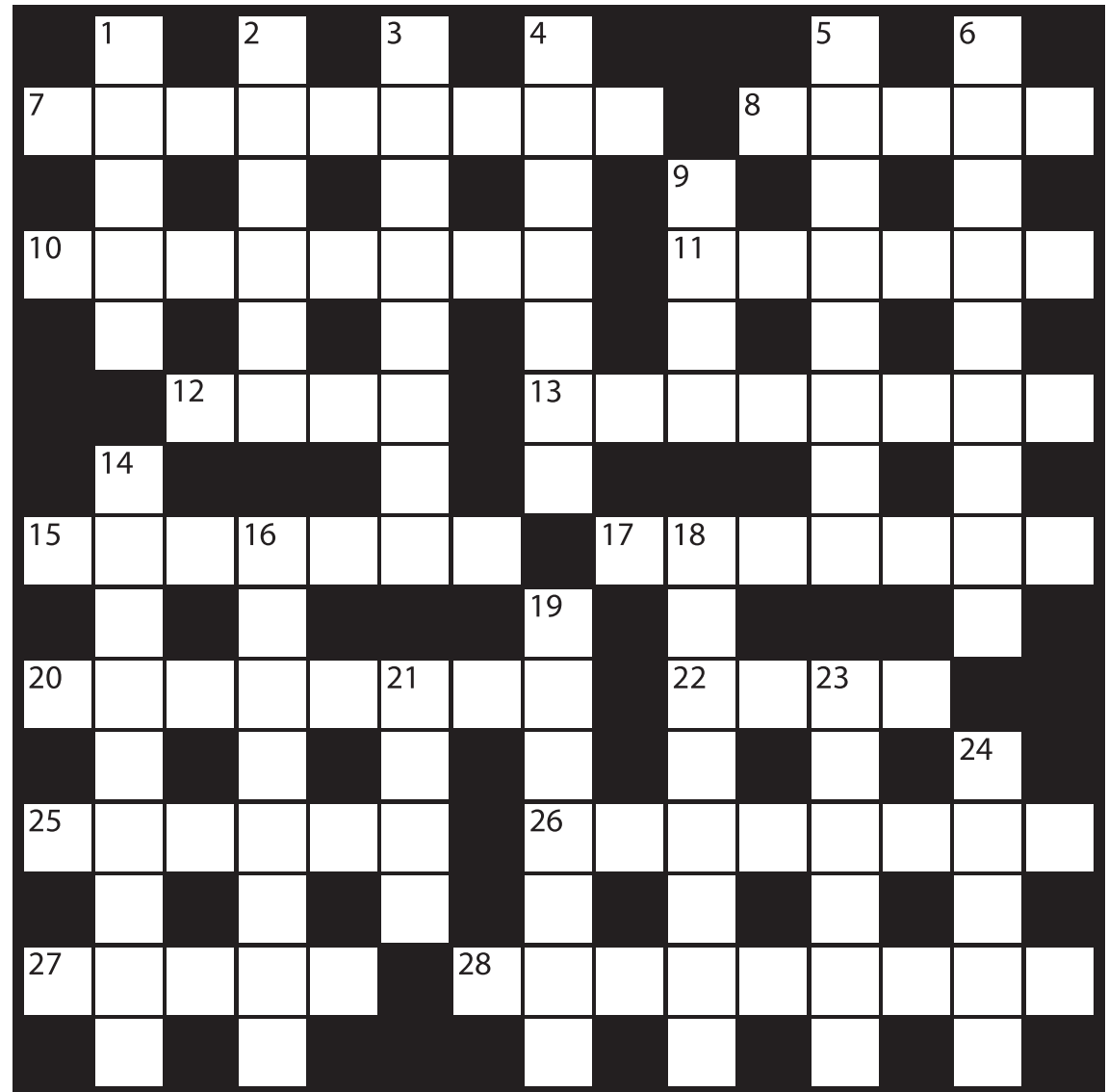
- 7 River rose alarmingly, became a lake (9)
8 Carnival vehicle to rest on water (5)
10 Wild excitement breaking out this year (8)
11 Informal wear for drinks? (6)
12 Region in Australia? Really! (4)
13 Thought learner first impractical person (8)
15 Lack of necessities not hidden in outskirts of Paisley (7)
17 Expert by pitch is solvent (7)
20 Favouring family but no pets, I'm sorry (8)
22 Save damaged urn (4)
25 Bad mistake, a needless fate (6)
26 Songwriter misled Cyril first (8)
27 Regularly idle filthy goddess (5)
28 Evolution of giant mice is mysterious (9)

DOWN

- 1 Jewel found amongst robbery loot (5)
2 Correspondence for landlord (6)
3 Dull bowling by players (8)
4 Large attic in disarray (7)
5 How the ark was illuminated? (8)
6 Quiet skilled workers are resistance fighters (9)
9 Man, for example, is seen with foreign article (4)
14 Occasionally I seem most confused (9)
16 The serious nature of hatred surrounding gold (8)
18 Conservative too old to get insurance (8)

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- 19 A doctor and Heather going for a stroll (7)
21 Small quantity is ordered, tiny amount for starters (4)
23 Friendly, so one in demand, mostly (6)
24 A prison in a state of excitement (5)