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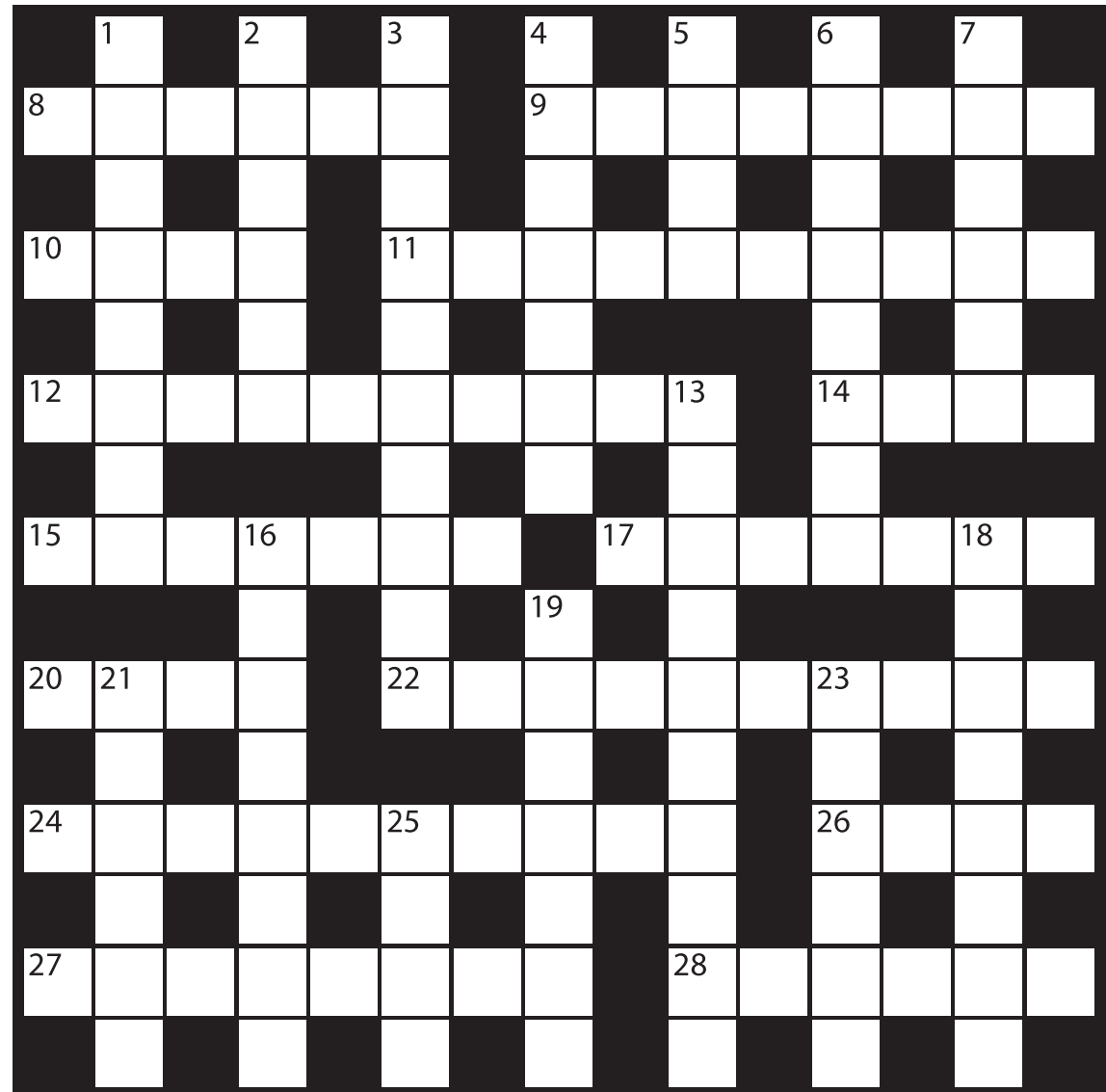
- 8 Wound mark on a black beetle (6)
 9 French article chopping head from fish, accurate (8)
 10 Goddess exists twice (4)
 11 Seductive type a biter perhaps? Yes! (7,3)
 12 Fruit unwanted by lovers? (10)
 14 Brought back portion of first-rate flan (4)
 15 Second of cheques entered lost where stubs found (7)
 17 220 yards of animal hair left on head of government (7)
 20 Charger worth fifty points? (4)
 22 Sad master upset with the current trend (10)
 24 Bit of a hand needed if learning difficult (10)
 26 Protest brings some pandemonium (4)
 27 Reveal it upset one of the family (8)
 28 Join up wrong lines besides a T (6)

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- 1 Southern Cross is represented as cutting implement (8)
 2 Credit 10 across with dangerous predicament (6)
 3 Honest company chairman's standing (5,5)
 4 Warm-sounding synopsis (7)
 5 A little crude liver in food shop (4)
 6 Eastern relation all at sea (8)
 7 Not just place with sideshows lacking leader (6)
 13 Serve lousy stew to one another (10)
 16 Girl allowed to take up old message (8)

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- 18 Seminars ruined, proving a close shave (4,4)
 19 Jersey gets more drenched, reportedly, after onset of storm (7)
 21 Brought together nude, it is appalling! (6)
 23 Make holes in puzzle (6)
 25 Bird seen at bar (4)