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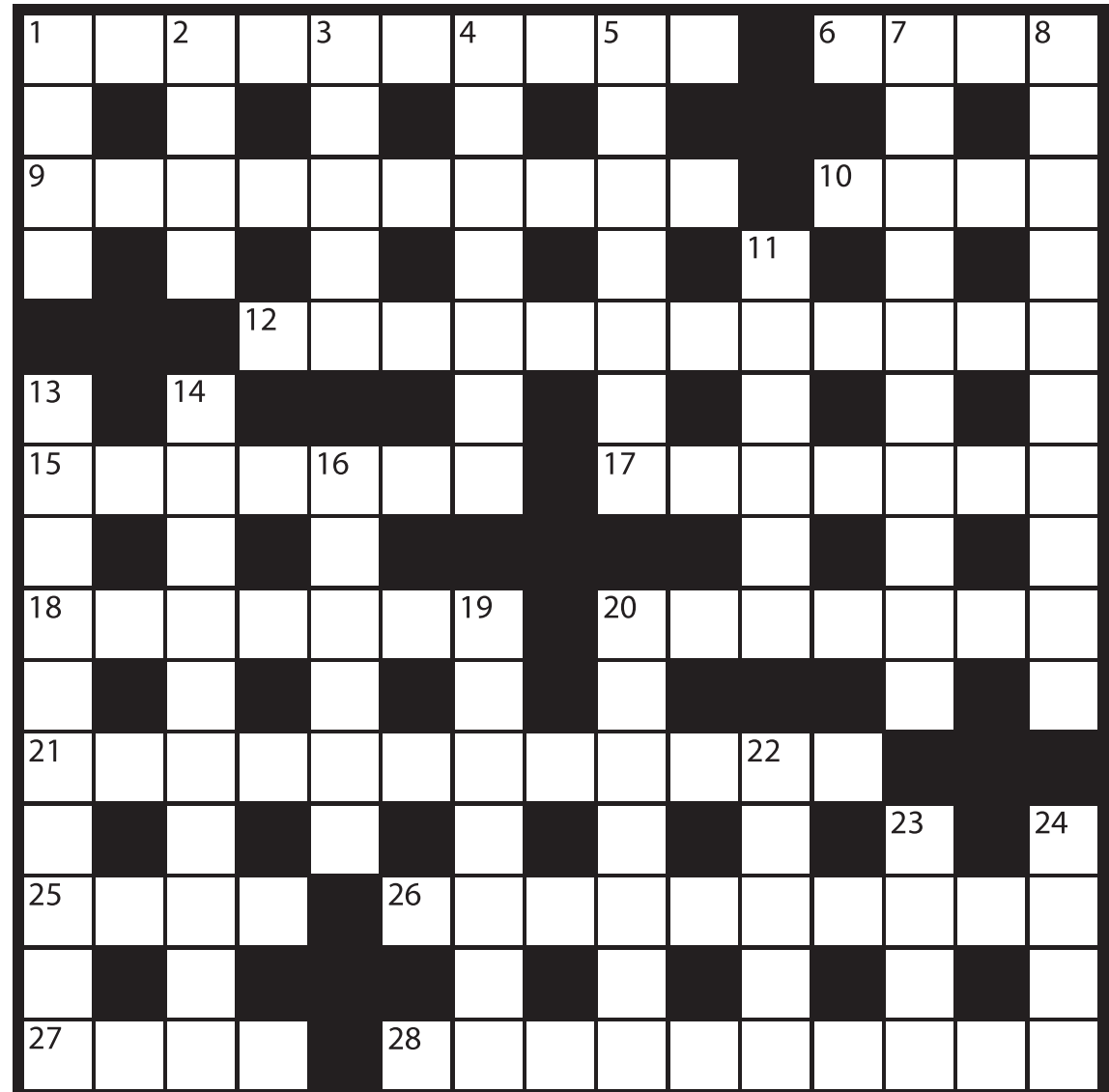
- 1 More pliant sort of gymnastic equipment (10)
 6 Brainwave is almost perfect (4)
 9 He hopes his work will be a notable success! (10)
 10 Space where open area of land put back (4)
 12 Thug gets foreign currency in uncertain market (12)
 15 Sweet time to agitate (7)
 17 Local form of speech, from new citadel (7)
 18 Tending to roam – otherwise I'm no cad (7)
 20 Replace bottle containing dummy drug (7)
 21 Fail to understand, and reprint items wrongly (12)
 25 Overlook rubbish container (4)
 26 Bond's boss is in front of the others, being deceptive (10)
 27 Odd number at home in Newcastle area (4)
 28 Yes, RAF sell recklessly, with no thought of danger (10)

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- 1 To follow with silence is nonsense (4)
 2 Spots can upset expedition leader (4)
 3 Current strength (5)
 4 Recreation that is organised with rules (7)
 5 Annoyed and wanted to set about pupil (7)
 7 Bouncer or footballer seen after party (10)
 8 Regard maid arranging allowance (10)
 11 Animal trapped in Blenheim Palace (6)
 13 Skilled artisan is mean to sons when working (10)
 14 U-boat assignment results in compliance (10)

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- 16 Craze in Greek capital becoming less intense (6)
 19 Crack about engineers with bad habit (7)
 20 Widely admired for turning up in polar surroundings (7)
 22 Article in Gaelic to wipe out (5)
 23 Fail to catch young lady (4)
 24 Hideous wild guy, about fifty (4)