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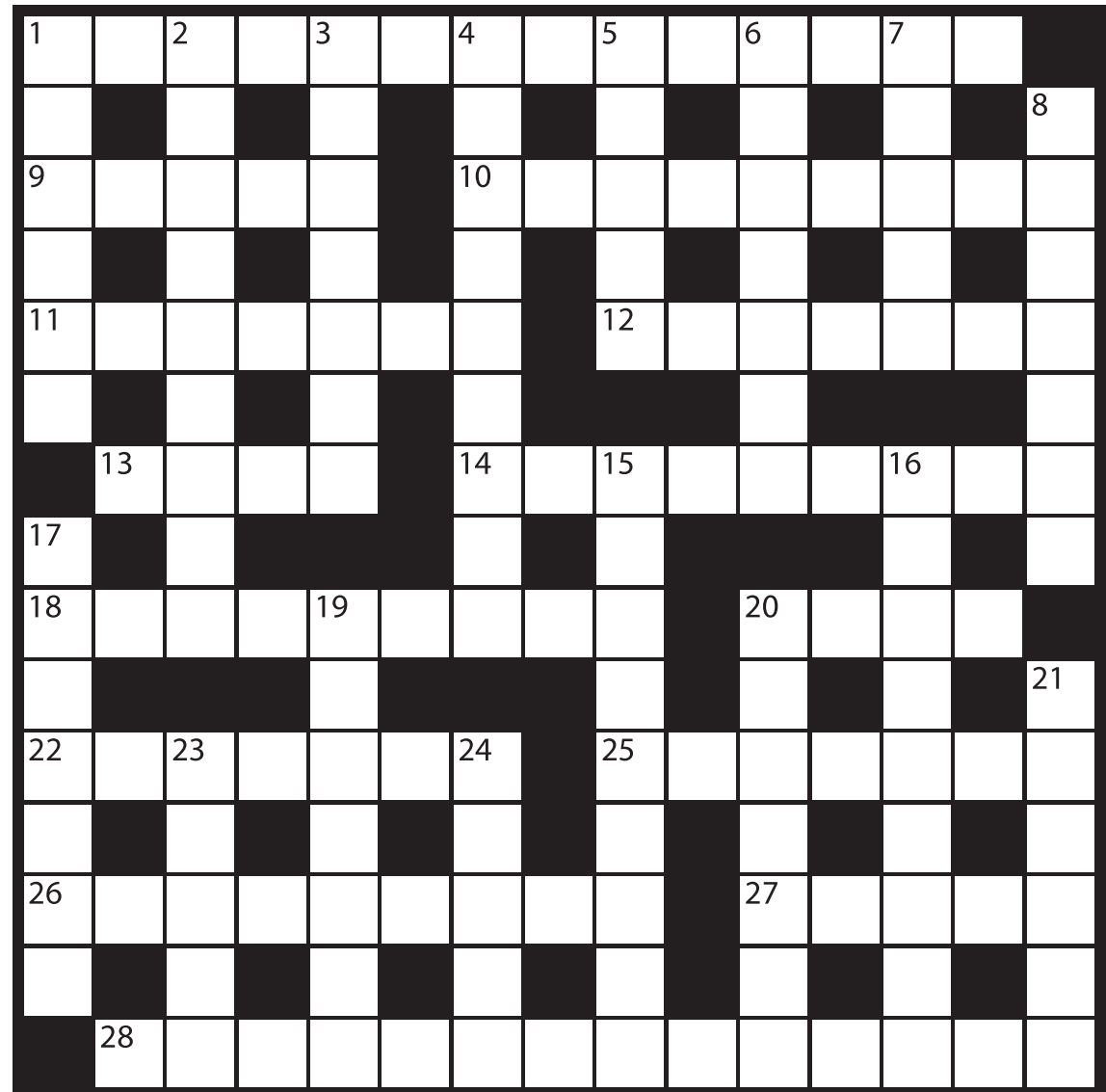
- 1 Creature that can crush cartons with robotic movement (3,11)
 9 Thick part of a wooden seat (5)
 10 Risky experience coming by river (9)
 11 Officer on his own in pass (7)
 12 Bullet goes over centre of crypt stonework (7)
 13 Gamble on a foreign letter (4)
 14 It's cast in a derogatory manner (9)
 18 A change of oil to put in jet's mechanical flyer (9)
 20 Musical which may be fair? (4)
 22 Finding a home for piano with fancy finish (7)
 25 Seat of empire (7)
 26 Traitor at new restaurant (9)
 27 Empty heavy article beside coastal town (5)
 28 Claim parachute is mixture of drugs (14)

DOWN

- 1 Exist on wooden flooring - spruce? (6)
 2 Cancellation of man with tunnel to construct (9)
 3 South Pacific islands seen from a canoe I upset (7)
 4 Ordinary post from Milan, perhaps, during voyage (5,4)
 5 Fastener to split on time (5)
 6 Arranged a truce accommodating knight and mythical beast (7)
 7 Evolution's half-formed plant seed (5)
 8 Destroy Nigel by rejecting as false (7)
 15 Support father on great journey (9)
 16 Silly about mother in the vernacular (9)

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- 17 Bend hat badly on way to conflict? (7)
 19 Cooked protein for hunting dog (7)
 20 Dream up film with chopper (7)
 21 A French source of water, making sick (6)
 23 Almost submerged by a thin layer (5)
 24 Pull over by a lake in Italy (5)