

**ACROSS**

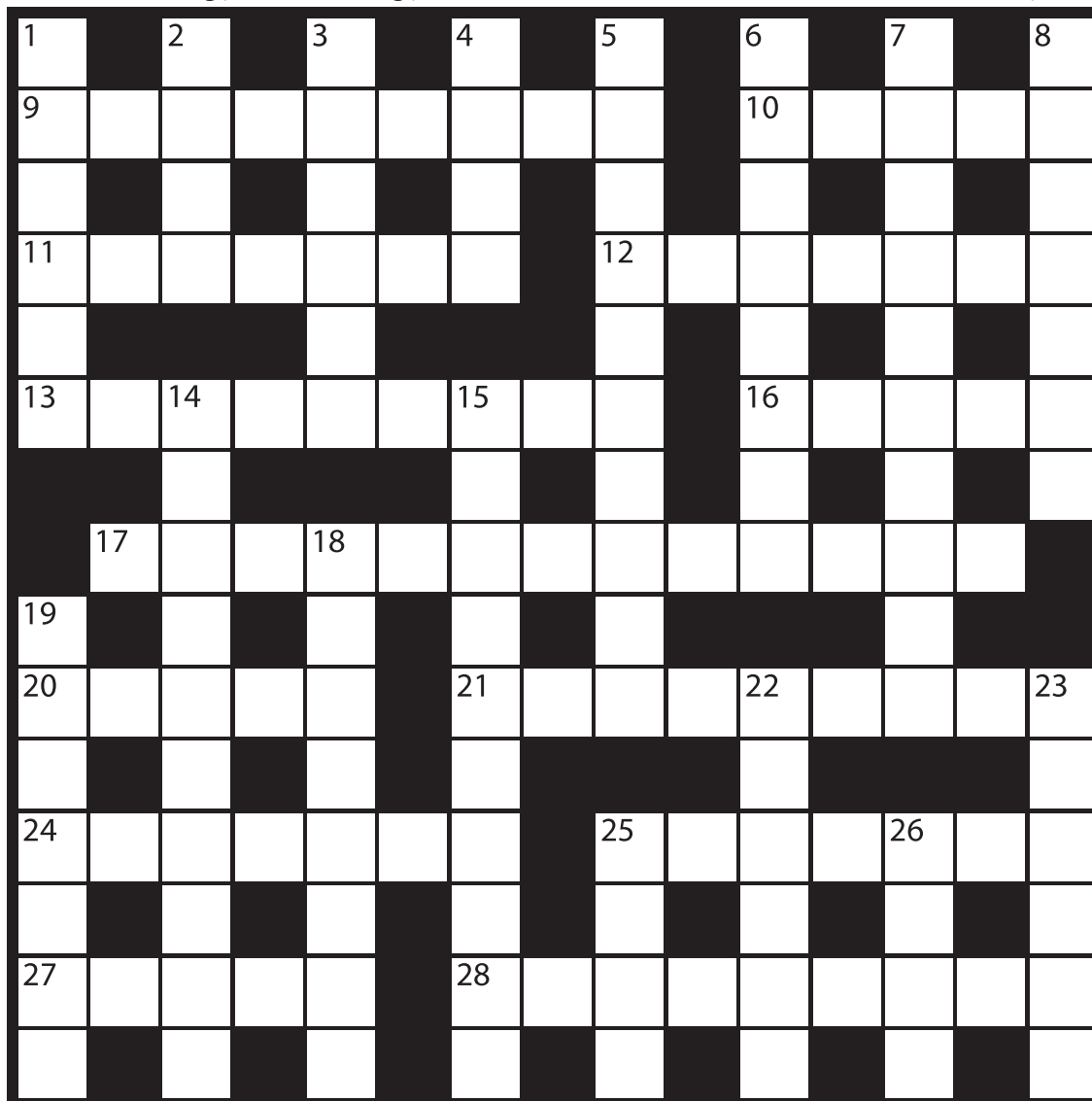
- 9 Prepare to shoot Batman's sidekick, or nursery-rhyme victim (4,5)  
 10 Hundred in desperate hope for a time (5)  
 11 One foot in the door of drunken hotel do (7)  
 12 Checker of accounts takes car to river (7)  
 13 Rushing round donkey, being a constant nuisance (9)  
 16 Some hid a horse in American state (5)  
 17 Collier halts rig action using authority to extract? (7,6)  
 20 Popular group given small part of page (5)  
 21 Cancel new MOT, change to financial policy (9)  
 24 Two drinks by upper-class French manor (7)  
 25 I go in to join someone in the army (7)  
 27 Broker is a well-mannered chap (5)  
 28 Entering with a strange type of orange (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Put an end to drink (6)  
 2 Hurt some teachers (4)  
 3 Men raised nothing in fun (6)  
 4 After barking, every dog initially sleeping? (4)  
 5 Put at risk at the finish, and furious (10)  
 6 Giving a tattoo is annoying (8)  
 7 Mentor diverted vehicle returning inside Parisian region (10)  
 8 Just uttered a word of surprise on seeing Egyptian king (7)  
 14 Control said to be put in position again (10)  
 15 Short dean – quite a change (10)

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- 18 Urgent request to dine in doorway (8)  
 19 Ace's turned into clip as the last sign? (7)  
 22 Moneybag holds everything in the rain (6)  
 23 Country's bad film? (6)  
 25 You left 1000 little grains (4)  
 26 Flower in your eye? (4)