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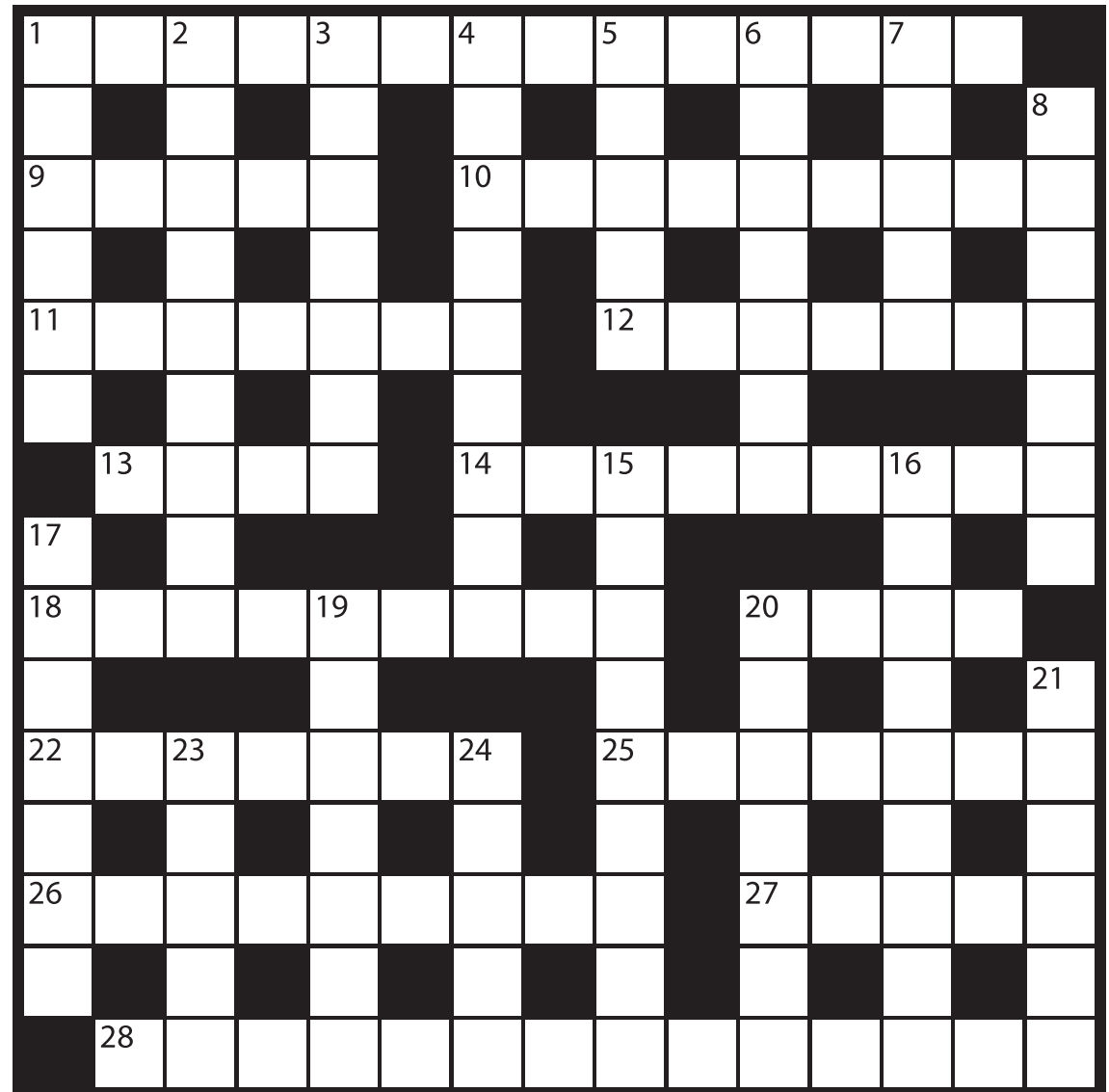
- 1 Secret local mess after hearing couple neck-and-neck (3,5,2,4)
 9 Last of nine, a number taken down (5)
 10 A vessel's up for dangerous activity (1,4,4)
 11 Small building to observe sleep (4-3)
 12 Decide to go around a city in America (7)
 13 Fibbed about German song (4)
 14 Shortening a type of loan (9)
 18 Poor, Crete aims to be the most rich (9)
 20 Unwanted emails returned for charts (4)
 22 On the side afterwards with a learner (7)
 25 Lake oration translated (7)
 26 Finds out record finished before Sunday (9)
 27 Sleep rough round river? Rubbish! (5)
 28 Book Anne on new course (8,6)

DOWN

- 1 Religious person ending daylight robbery (6)
 2 Terribly robust, I have to be unpleasantly noticeable (9)
 3 Confusion seen in top oil producer (7)
 4 Least stupid friend creates impasse (9)
 5 Trips where transport initially yours and mine (5)
 6 Something bright in something chewed, sauce (7)
 7 Inclined to allow article inside (5)
 8 Retaliation, for example, at no time given backing (7)
 15 Killer directed to a prison (3,6)
 16 Haughty devil won't open grave (9)
 17 Caught in cloudburst, needing key to close up (7)

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19 Radio man, Romanic, perhaps (7)

20 Spanish sportsman at a party in outskirts of Manchester (7)

21 Rodent eats small dessert (6)

23 Retailer appearing in magistrates' court (5)

24 Seeps, it's said, like these vegetables? (5)