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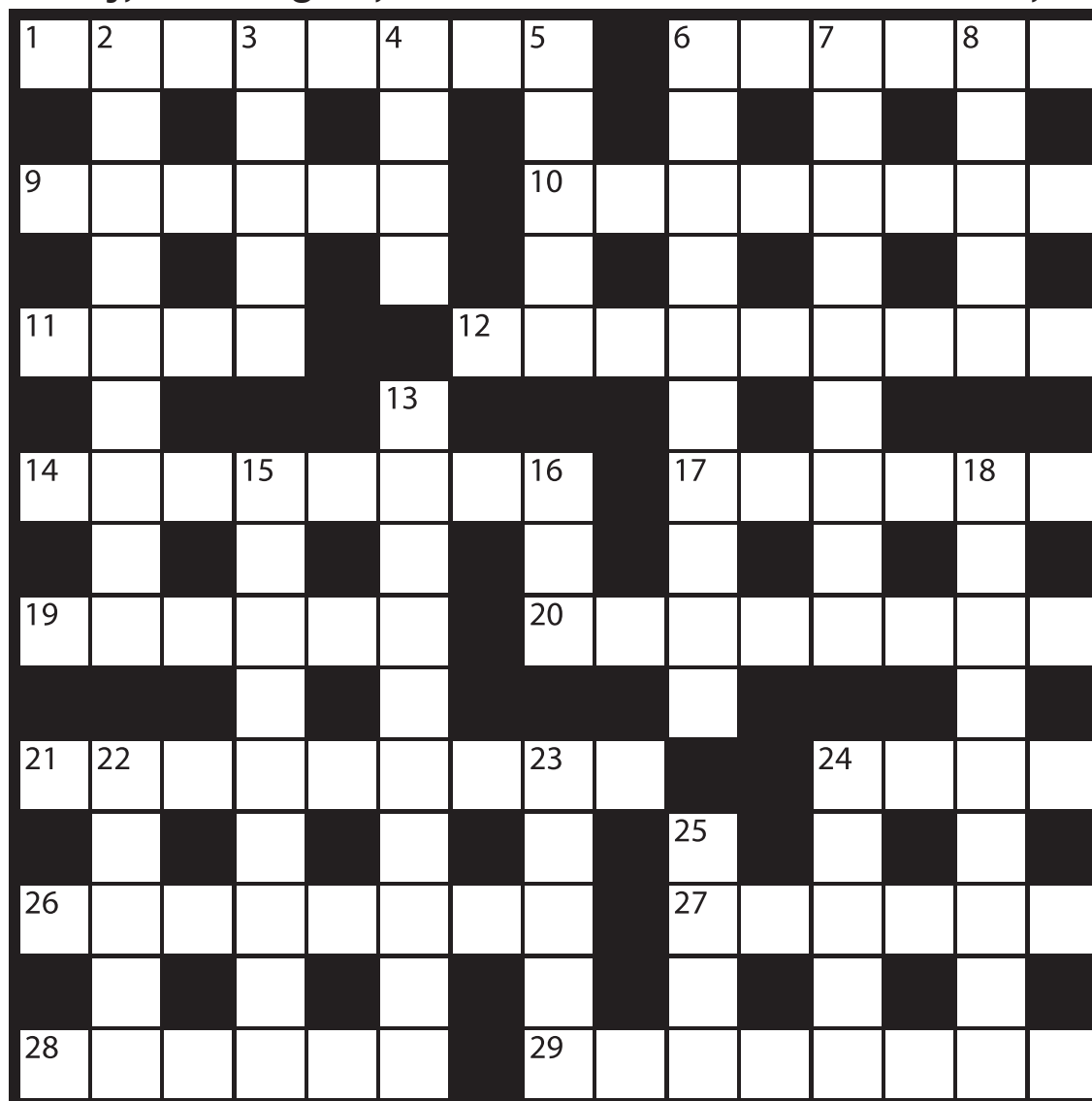
- 1 Secret agitated coteries (8)
 6 Compassionate chap in the shade (6)
 9 Instrument of French immorality (6)
 10 Told about hiding wine in tall grass (8)
 11 Tool counts, we hear (4)
 12 A local set, strangely, gives an assignment (9)
 14 Communications industry Edward tried to reconcile (8)
 17 Very cold hanger-on? (6)
 19 Blunder upset pupils (4-2)
 20 Personal appearance of a spirit? (8)
 21 Against an offer for the rival (9)
 24 Not a slow way to go without food (4)
 26 Mean to be this? Quite the reverse (8)
 27 Granted one learner an edible seed (6)
 28 Specifies the conditions (6)
 29 Power of vision certainly seen in figure (8)

DOWN

- 2 Rush – a spring-flowering plant (9)
 3 Journey to the Orient to get offal (5)
 4 Knot seamen should avoid (4)
 5 Song from the girl (5)
 6 Ted, his pony became spellbound (10)
 7 Spread scrap of cloth held up by soldier (9)
 8 Female relative takes egghead into pleasant surroundings (5)
 13 Amazing suet pud's on, cooking (10)
 15 I'm having medical treatment and irritable about the delay (9)
 16 Diana has quiet little bathe (3)
 18 Key man in the security industry (9)

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- 22 Public sort of voter (5)
 23 Follow blokes heading off with girl (5)
 24 Mushrooms are source of amusement to American fighter (5)
 25 Pipe passed through the air, we hear (4)