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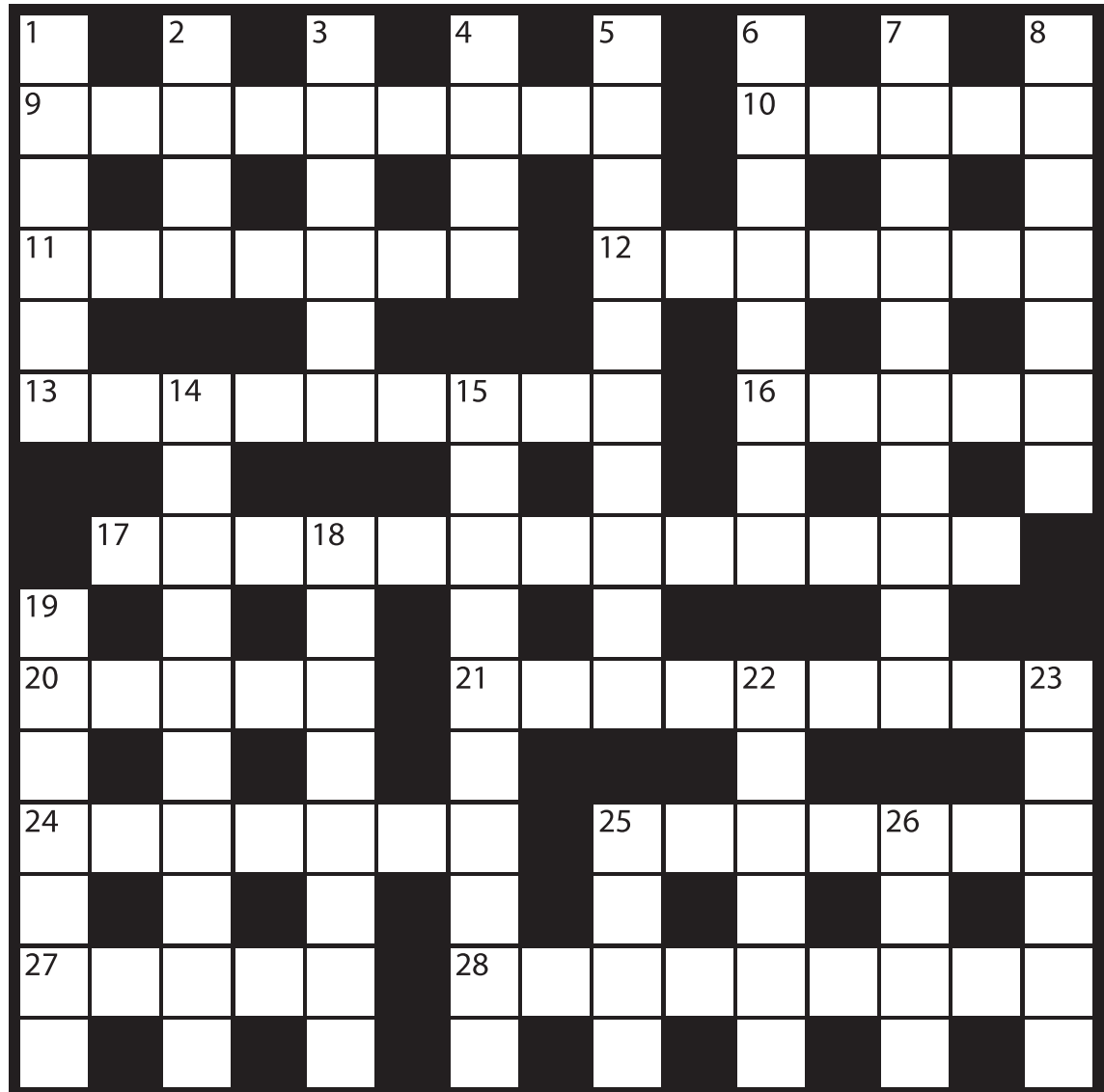
- 9 Emergence of a race following me back (9)
10 Drink interrupted by year of mawkishness (5)
11 Contestant in event ran third (7)
12 Job in beer for disciple (7)
13 Former student in fit of the sulks, I've produced swear-word (9)
16 Enquires about features (5)
17 Crooners vital in composition - it's disputed (13)
20 Country spy train at odds (5)
21 Sign car diagram (9)
24 Animal always after Rod, holding note (3,4)
25 Over inch out on British Airways (7)
27 Cuts off part of farm produce (5)
28 Not protected from setting sun, ruined (9)

DOWN

- 1 Decline to yield again (6)
2 Held, we hear, spellbound (4)
3 Devastate Virginia, gripped by fury (6)
4 Not completely put in the shade (4)
5 Battle for betrothal (10)
6 Datsun so unusual it amazes (8)
7 Latvia bars exchange with European city (10)
8 Pacify gorilla that's eating vegetables (7)
14 Landlord in favour of report I revised (10)
15 Falsely devoted to adult, or so I made out (10)
18 Cross, having to take back pictures and poetry (8)
19 Very big time, well-heeled bird (7)

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- 22 Good to stir, bringing complaint (6)
23 Musical and party perm (6)
25 Cheese short, shortly (4)
26 Jack, perhaps, is quite a character (4)