

**ACROSS**

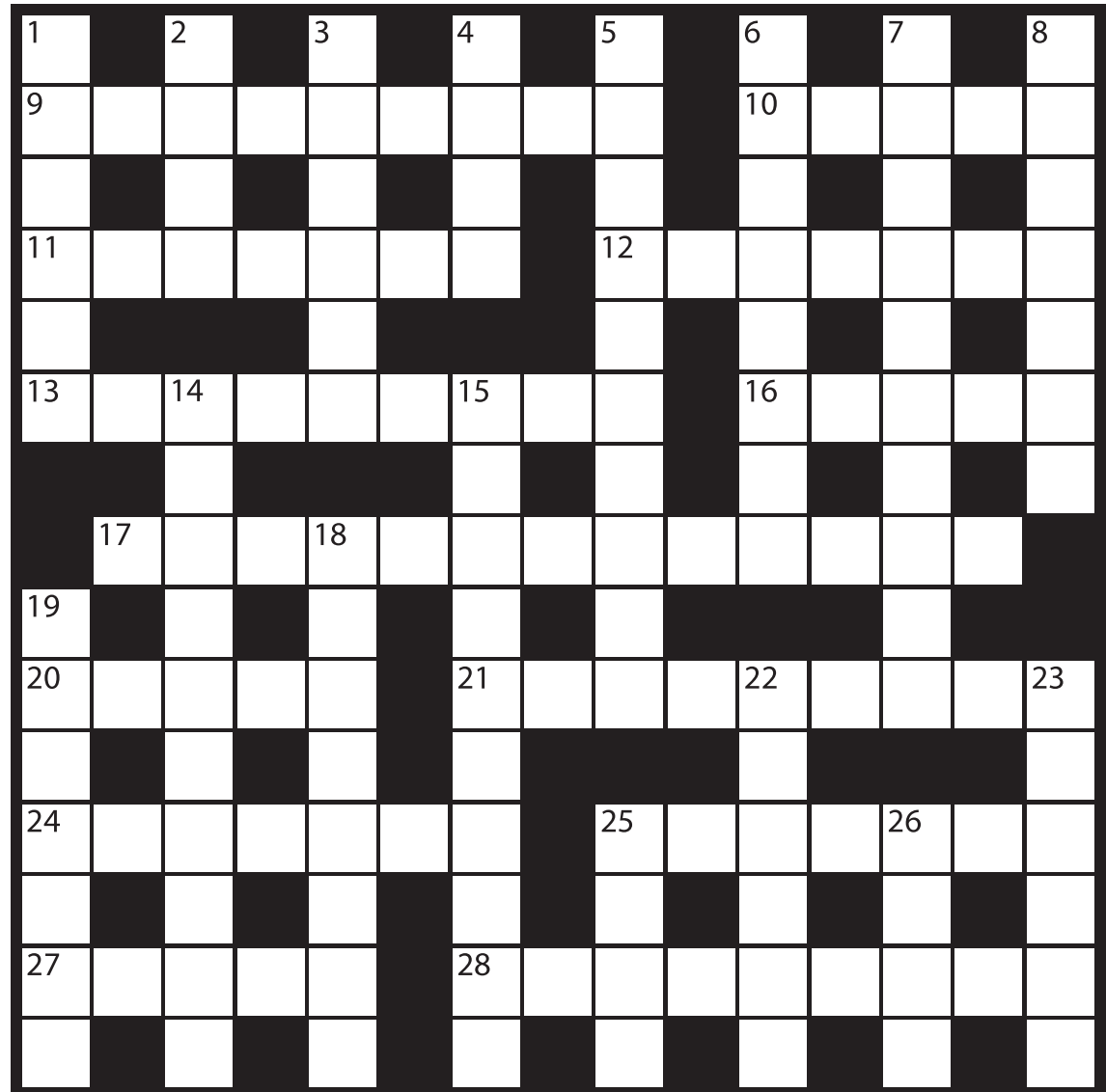
- 9 Unfashionable, but more able men's clothier (9)  
 10 Girl outside a city (5)  
 11 Less beefy article right outside tavern (7)  
 12 Recoils from psychiatrists (7)  
 13 Prepare to shoot Batman's sidekick, or nursery-rhyme victim (4,5)  
 16 Alice transforms her! (5)  
 17 Descendant arranged tongs artfully (5-8)  
 20 Spanish man older, lacking iodine (5)  
 21 Giving an account about wine and gin cocktail (9)  
 24 Girl hugged by drunk musician (7)  
 25 Has dire problem, being more underhand (7)  
 27 Character in *The Tempest*, and one embraced by Lear in turmoil (5)  
 28 People questioning pitmen after cutback (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Rambling epic to be expressed in verse (6)  
 2 Small case kept in perpetuity (4)  
 3 Champion with initial part of target (6)  
 4 Good person has a right to play leading role (4)  
 5 Cop pins arm round at internment facility (6,4)  
 6 Accepted me when up to be steadied (8)  
 7 Pasta tin ordered online around end of April (10)  
 8 Standard work is, eg, in right mess (4,3)  
 14 Spray Calor gas in instrument (3,7)  
 15 Dictator having great trouble containing rebels' leader (3,7)  
 18 Show search for weapon (3,5)

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- 19 Casual, not initially, to accept us, it's the norm (2,5)  
 22 The route that is taken by pop tour worker (6)  
 23 Showy rig has collapsed (6)  
 25 Persian ruler gives two exclamations (4)  
 26 Ominous time where teams losing leader (4)