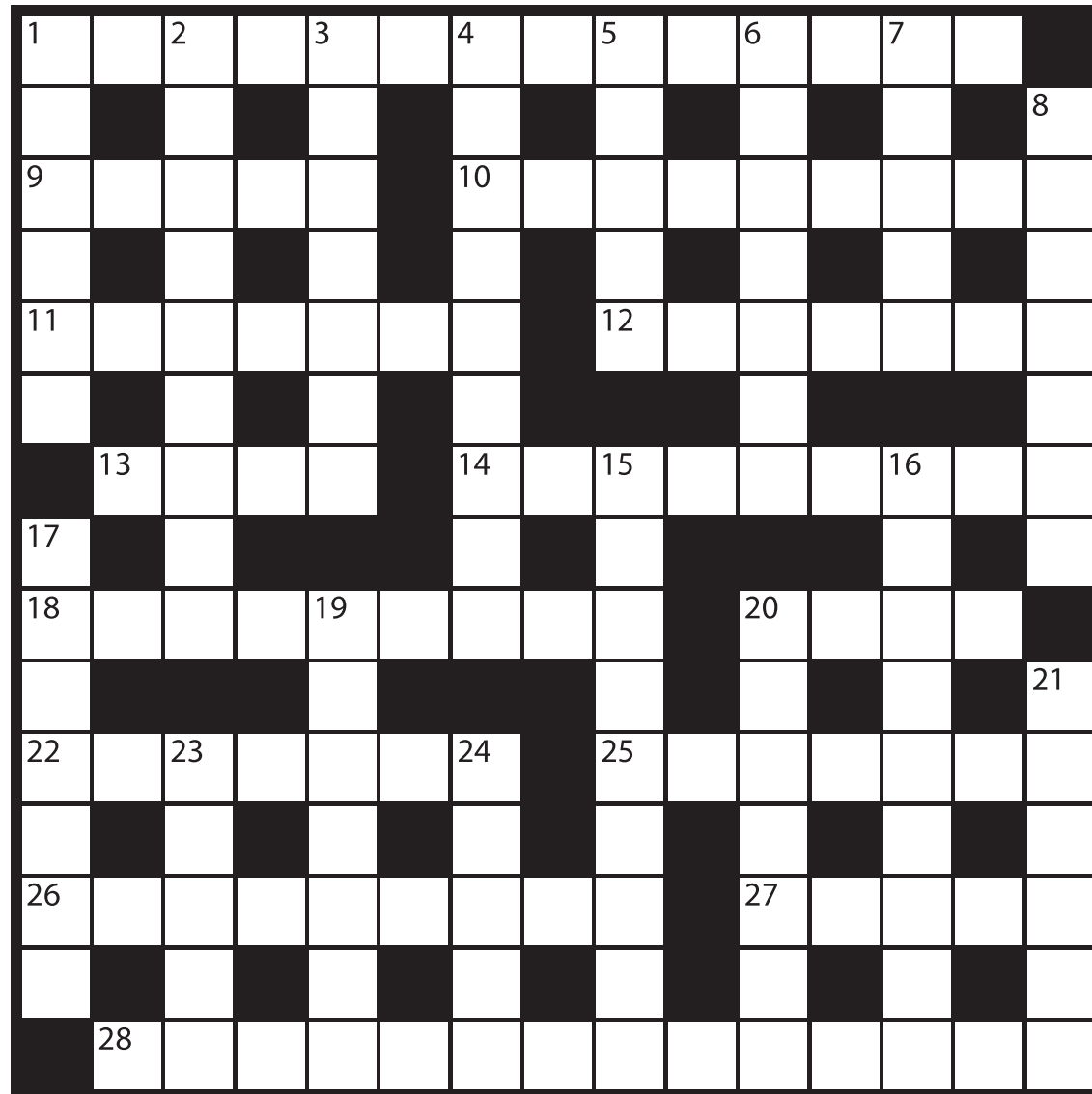


**ACROSS**

- 1 Sadly, rocks delay colonists (14)
- 9 A ring forming a coral reef (5)
- 10 Ten boats I scuppered, being stubborn (9)
- 11 Little child sheltering close at hand this evening (7)
- 12 Screen ruined Reynolds' third landscape (7)
- 13 British plug and nail (4)
- 14 Confine prisoners on transport (9)
- 18 Game poets taking in sick one (9)
- 20 Swallow part of bottle (4)
- 22 Endorse company following swindle (7)
- 25 Al's away from Oz country (7)
- 26 The gin ran out, almost a disaster (4,5)
- 27 In France, John has small trousers (5)
- 28 Scales in here for unofficial advisers (7,7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Draws up gusts of wind, audibly (6)
- 2 Nurse and cold reformed villain (9)
- 3 Duty-bound to cook boiled starter of greens (7)
- 4 Sort scrap out to get a stylish vehicle (6,3)
- 5 Tips toward shopping aids? (5)
- 6 Spear disturbed dirt on net somehow (7)
- 7 The French hail and farewell (5)
- 8 Destroy Nigel by rejecting as false (7)
- 15 Unhappily coasting round lake, homesick (9)
- 16 Find out when definite (9)
- 17 Peep back to emotional display – disgusting (7)
- 19 I would myself twitch about love, which is daft (7)



- 20 Jo's bone is broken in plastic surgery (4,3)
- 21 Fool enters to lay money on dog (6)
- 23 In Ghana a fine canteen service (inits) (5)
- 24 Locks one in state (5)