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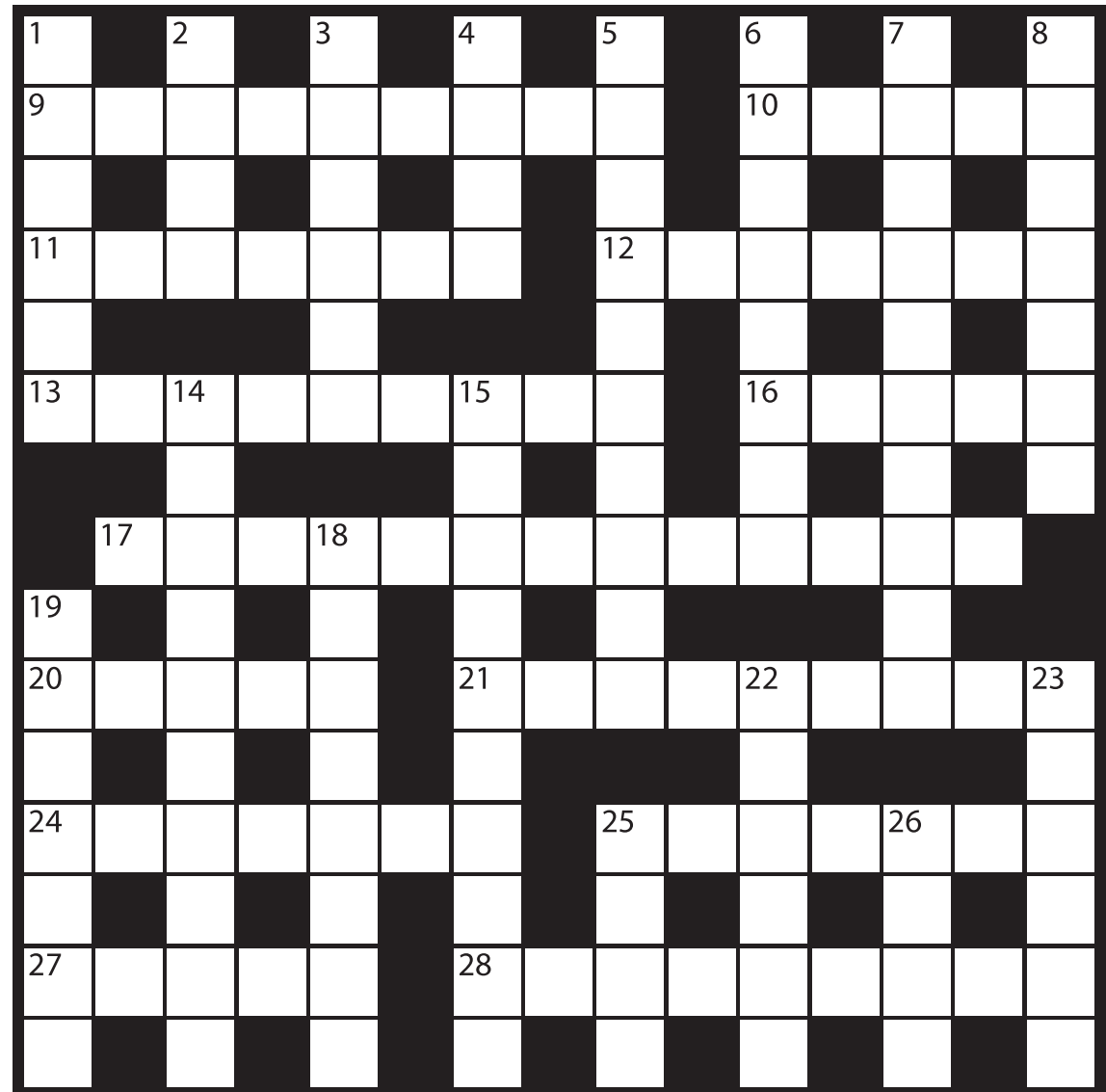
- 9 Money not allowed, we hear, for players (5,4)
 10 Dora's unusual ways (5)
 11 One foot in the door of drunken hotel do (7)
 12 Thespian's current hair (7)
 13 Handed out bananas, despised holding end of skin (9)
 16 Girl with all the plants (5)
 17 Cunning mother reformed each villain (13)
 20 Deity torturing rats around start of year (5)
 21 Get soup at Robin's home, perhaps (5,4)
 24 British bad weather comes to eastern country (7)
 25 Weapon shattering noughts (7)
 27 Variety of distance (5)
 28 Cutter coming out of Walmer now (9)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor, on special date, calmed down (6)
 2 Bewildered state produced by Saturday and Sunday, reportedly (4)
 3 A prop on the beach (6)
 4 Hospital room, so tie up (4)
 5 Two Shakespeare characters for Victorian nonsense writer (6,4)
 6 Appreciative of speed during Gulf conflict (8)
 7 Aspect of serve that's unreturnable at close quarters (4-2-4)
 8 In the normal way, USA twice turns left (2,5)
 14 Very tiring to warble about mad character (10)
 15 Deer and insect let off another insect (4,6)

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- 18 More than a brave woman — that is her son in battle (8)
 19 Different queries producing man's title (7)
 22 Tale about leader of militants, full of angry outbursts (6)
 23 Doctor consumed by fish in Arctic terrain (6)
 25 Cut small barley bristle (4)
 26 Go west, then north, in search of official robe (4)