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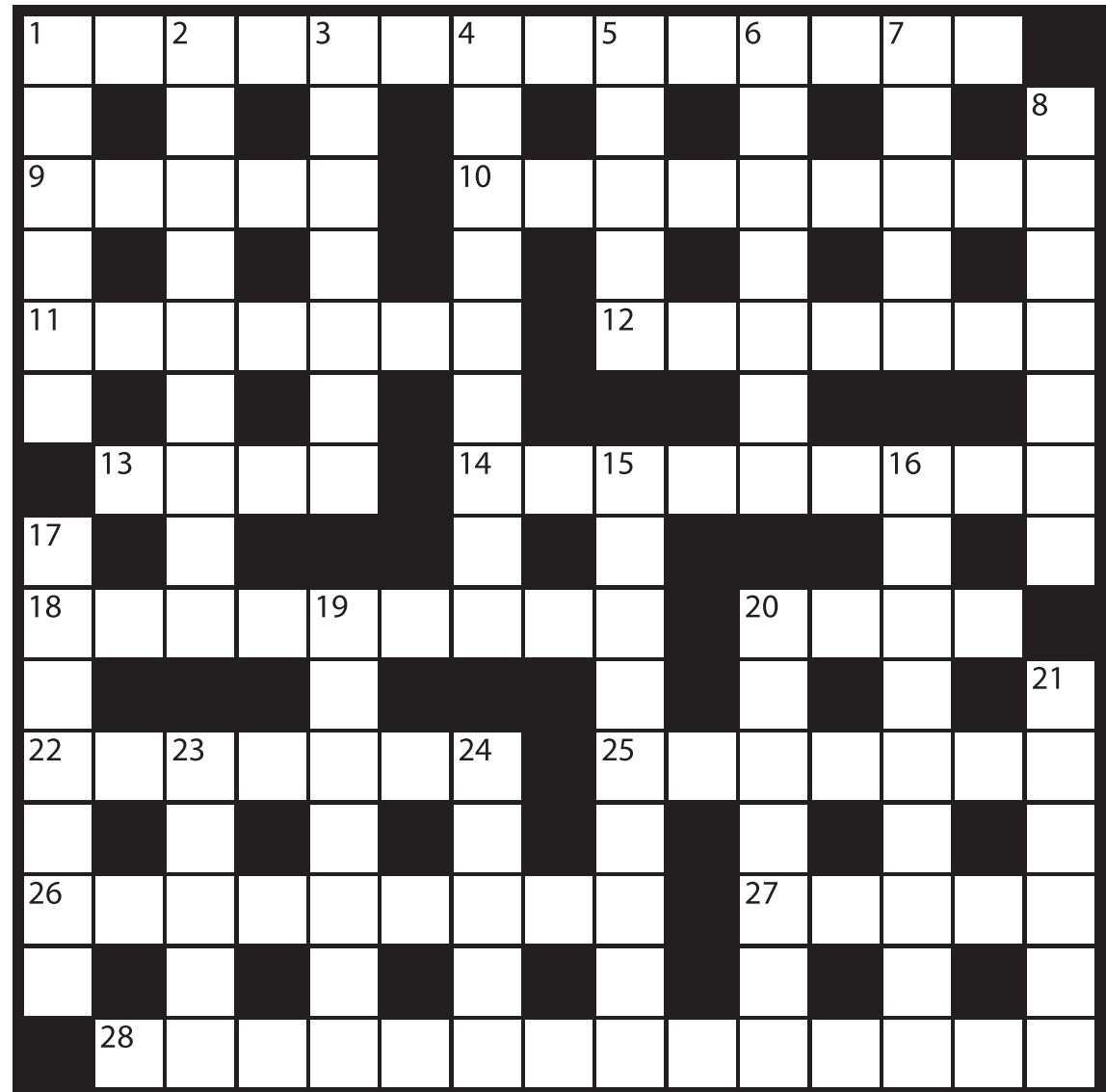
- 1 Glass instrument needs drink first (9,5)
- 9 Animal is in good French surroundings (5)
- 10 A right polite fellow in a foreign country (9)
- 11 Salary with tip in post (7)
- 12 Gather together, as just ahead in boxing match? (5-2)
- 13 Disorder in home's standard (4)
- 14 Tearful march with ally upset (9)
- 18 Surprisingly clear to me, he is a tardy person (9)
- 20 Engagement which may be fruitful (4)
- 22 Free fermented lager – ta! (2,5)
- 25 Near the coast connected to prop (7)
- 26 Release old, cattier version (9)
- 27 Arrange with odd ally in gang (5)
- 28 Dish with muscle to boot (4,10)

DOWN

- 1 I left broken biscuit for artist (6)
- 2 Missing, having pocketed vessel, but not drinking (9)
- 3 Tool for making projections around North Carolina (7)
- 4 A lot of dollars to vilify every trick (5,4)
- 5 Tool for removing top of book (5)
- 6 Lou rang round displaying lack of energy (7)
- 7 Sampled last of cider in new diet (5)
- 8 King and a politician in the style of African capital (7)
- 15 Physical soldier captures enemy leader (9)
- 16 System is tough at first for believer (9)
- 17 Other names back cruise in the ocean (7)

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- 19 Piece of plastic above one very loud city (7)
- 20 Dad is in trouble - show contempt (7)
- 21 Actor Sean on banner? (6)
- 23 It turns two articles (French and English) (5)
- 24 Avoid lady accepting notice (5)