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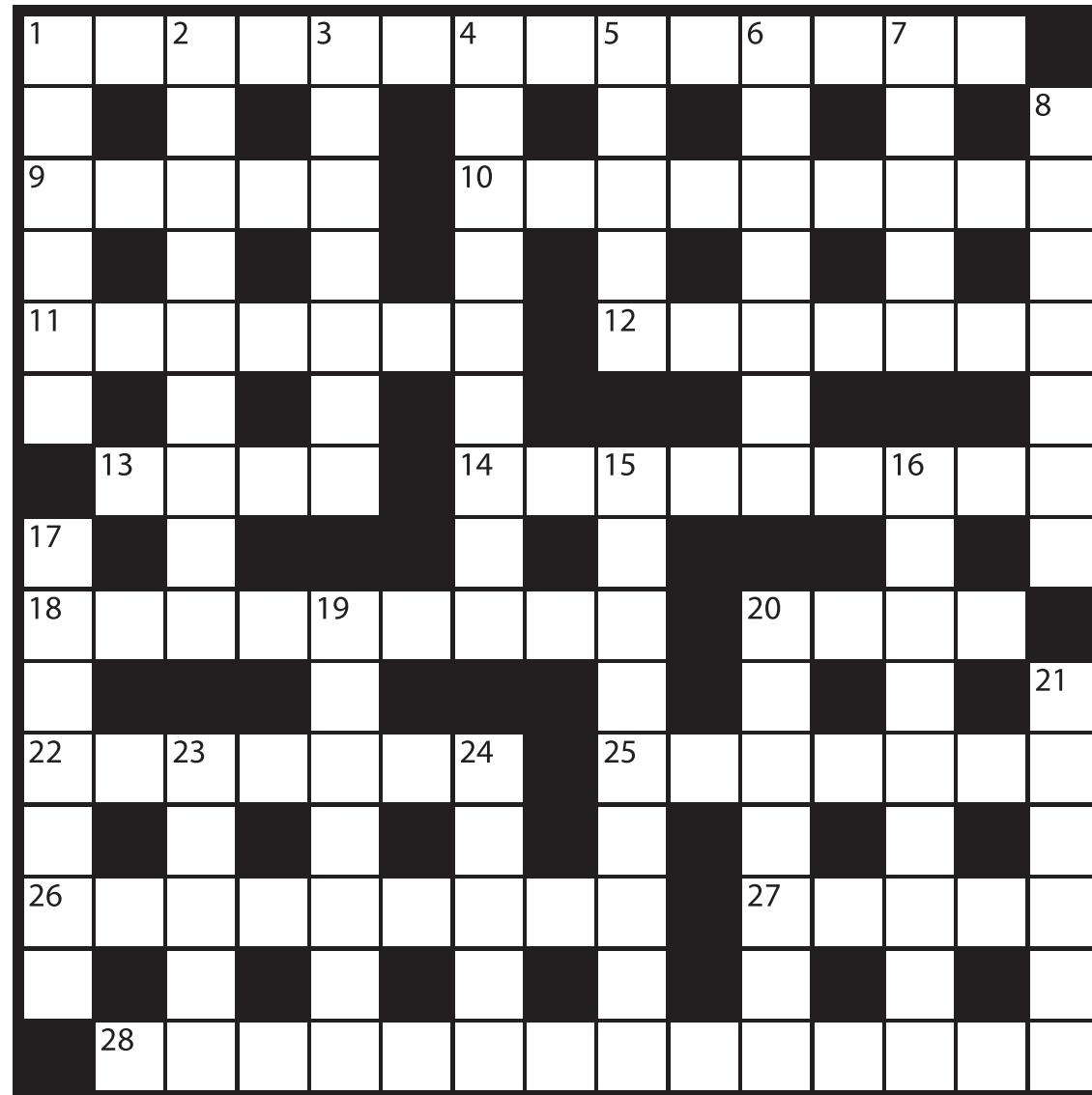
- 1 Make censorial point by acting as father? (2,4,8)
 9 Royal house in situ, dormant (5)
 10 Utter a nice tune again (9)
 11 Soldiers' bike to use again (7)
 12 Scratch in the heavens, not clear (7)
 13 New poem articulation (4)
 14 Highest sliding box, first-rate (3,6)
 18 North African soldier has to leave renegade (6,3)
 20 Nameless deserted plant (4)
 22 At home, meal gets relatives extremely weepy (2,5)
 25 Partly cover beyond circuit (7)
 26 Planned to put a sheep in nearly harsh surroundings (9)
 27 Keen copper dined out (5)
 28 Corny issue resolved, bank on formal ending (5,9)

DOWN

- 1 Confine successively, did you say? (6)
 2 Curd Louis prepared was laughable (9)
 3 Caught prophet with small boat (7)
 4 Stern peer upset MC (9)
 5 Defeats when our turn on back street (5)
 6 Not so larcenous becoming subatomic (7)
 7 Man had one article in bag (5)
 8 Tungsten found in crumbling Orkney city (3,4)
 15 Stall outside new car lot with driver's container (6,3)
 16 Between trees with purpose, see tiny creature (9)
 17 Least comfortable boy soldier is French (7)

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- 19 Letter from America? (7)
 20 Synthetic material seen in superb gallery (7)
 21 Notice featuring river flowing back up fast (6)
 23 Trunk in visitor's office (5)
 24 Audible magnitude of sounds of relief (5)