

**ACROSS**

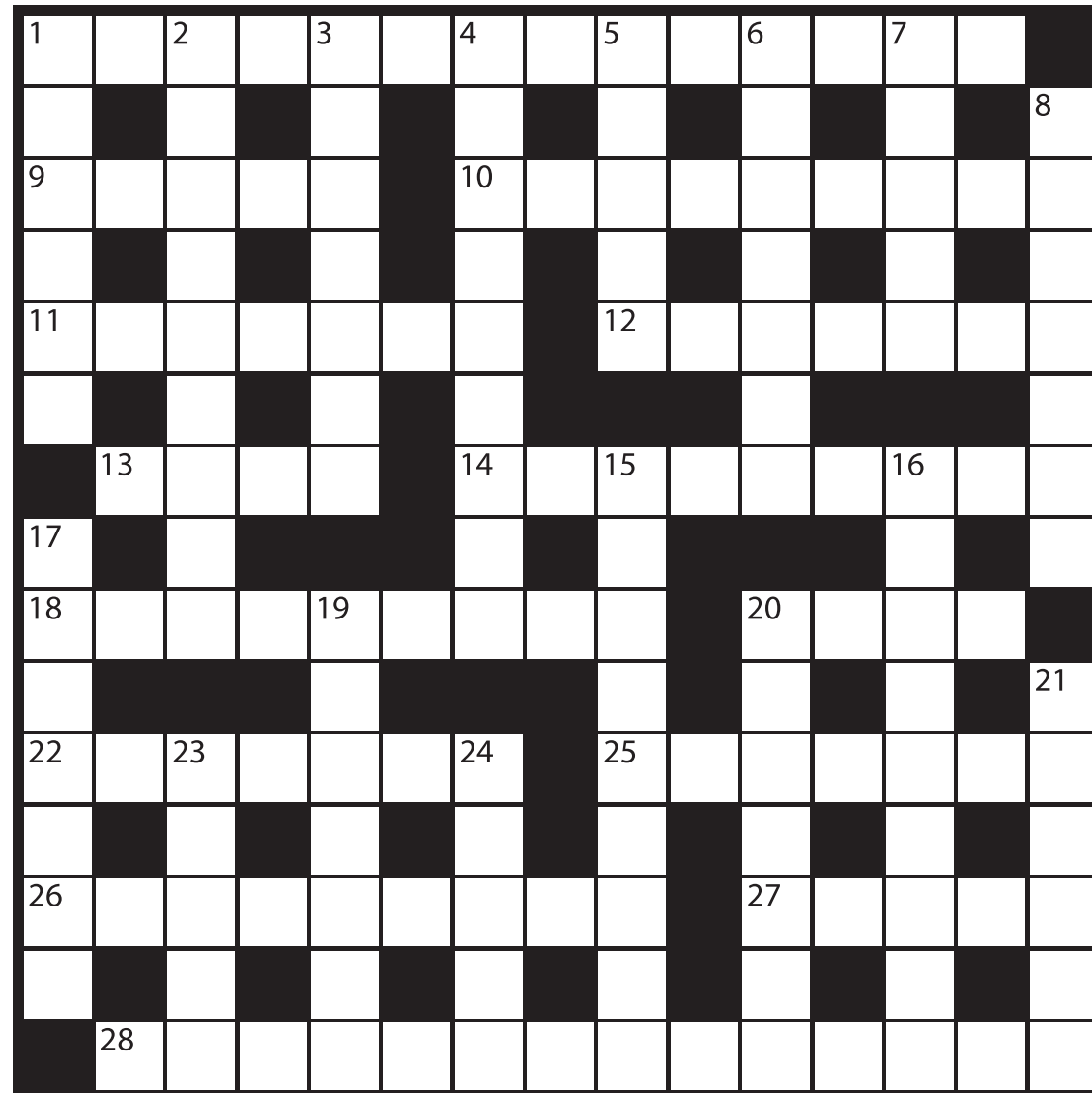
- 1 Follow churchman and opposition politician (6,8)  
 9 Italian article about tax (5)  
 10 Great Dane wrecked open-air restaurant (3,6)  
 11 Before the nobleman – that is right (7)  
 12 Chit for each shoe (7)  
 13 Returning insect has strong flavour (4)  
 14 Dark purple fruit available in French inn (9)  
 18 Super bargain for many (5,4)  
 20 Padding one dry bed (4)  
 22 Tip urns out to reveal vegetables (7)  
 25 Officer on his own in pass (7)  
 26 Lower layers of a cake returned following payments (9)  
 27 A piece of land in water, for passage (5)  
 28 A re-entry plan, it fails between Earth and Mars, perhaps (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Put golf peg beside piece of furniture (6)  
 2 Take it in turns to adjust neat modification (9)  
 3 Starting with an opportunity? (7)  
 4 Car test, then do race off for procession of vehicles (9)  
 5 Approaches with some within earshot (5)  
 6 Has dire problem, being more underhand (7)  
 7 Arrive with extremity in the air (3,2)  
 8 Attempts to head off ten recordings (7)  
 15 Robber's hood required for battle (9)  
 16 One's in India or another place (9)  
 17 I am uppermost in his mind (7)

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- 19 The list misspelt a national emblem (7)  
 20 Few are upset about learner getting social aid (7)  
 21 Tired agent receives American general (6)  
 23 Bird finds loot at home (5)  
 24 Moved through water quietly, finding marsh (5)