

**ACROSS**

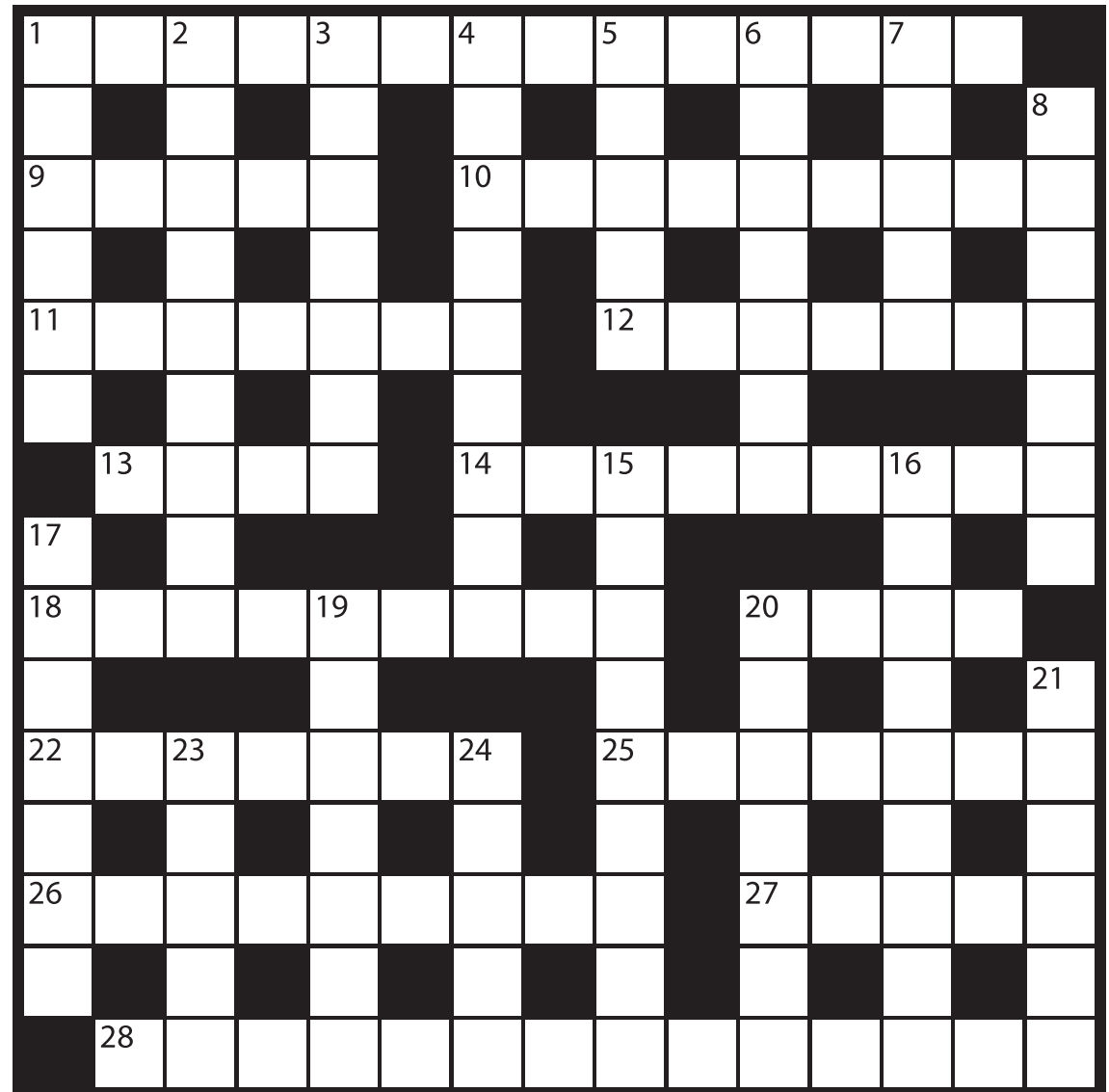
- 1 Authoritative source checked by a vet? (3,6,5)  
 9 Remove tenant from the Victorian house (5)  
 10 Those following dodgy green auto (9)  
 11 Dark yellow wet earth covers top performer (7)  
 12 Bands of colour from various carpets (7)  
 13 Back inside, get over to ballot (4)  
 14 Precision required to demand money from the head (9)  
 18 European country takes a learner in to another country (9)  
 20 When top came off bag, that hurt (4)  
 22 Fuel surrounding rodents almost laughable (7)  
 25 Unfriendly compere brings back priest (7)  
 26 Unwilling to find article in clutter, perhaps (9)  
 27 Cold, girl in form (5)  
 28 Nerdy creature's turned out to be a minister! (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Girl appearing in Hamlet, perhaps (6)  
 2 Discharges from Eastern embassies (9)  
 3 A scandal revealed at right time (7)  
 4 Plant will become dreadful weed in time (9)  
 5 Set is back in locations (5)  
 6 Nothing to turn up before period of fasting – that's rich! (7)  
 7 Lift glass of grilled bread (5)  
 8 As live agent (7)  
 15 Dispassionate as a way to mention backing (9)  
 16 Dish gets lost in rambling hacienda (9)  
 17 Len's car goes around armed cavalry (7)

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- 19 Soldiers' bike to use again (7)  
 20 Very small bone and very large implement, say (7)  
 21 Island producing sweater (6)  
 23 Caramel only part of a juicy gourd (5)  
 24 Shows the way in title roles (5)