

**ACROSS**

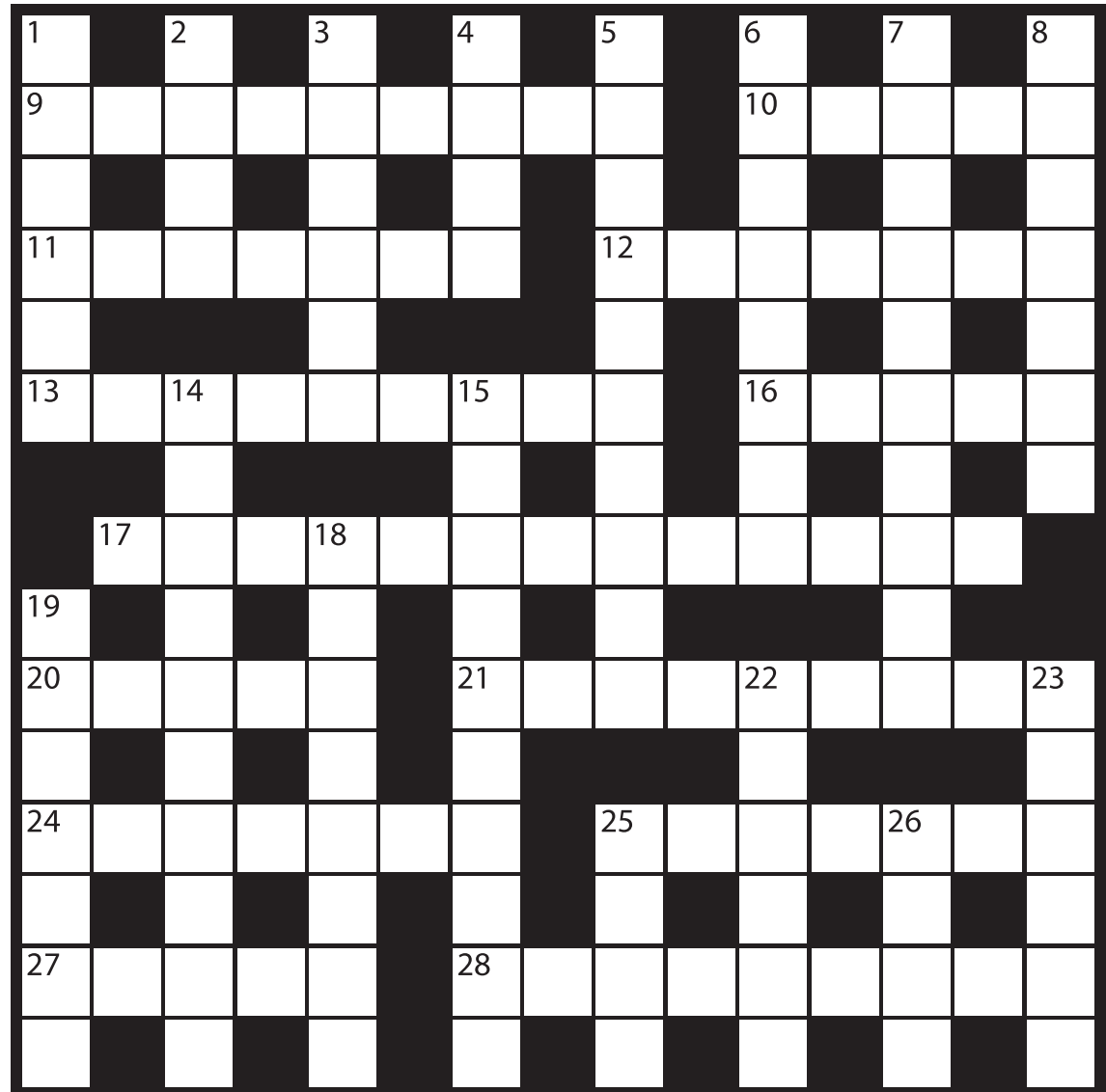
- 9 Writers' material shrewd men used in exercises (9)  
 10 Anticipate a western isle (5)  
 11 Unexpectedly sent via those locals (7)  
 12 Pull a face at awful winning serve (7)  
 13 Estimated arrival time one at advanced hour turned up and hit back (9)  
 16 Plans a side scuppered (5)  
 17 Advance planning – I ponder it, mate, anyway (13)  
 20 Some acres specifically for salad plant (5)  
 21 Seven, else otherwise for such a break? (9)  
 24 Being without creative subject is naive (7)  
 25 In context, remembered as severe (7)  
 27 Message a mile off (5)  
 28 Story of musical, right, ran in reverse (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 More candid cricketer? (6)  
 2 Former king has it, courage (4)  
 3 Point to rundown home with spade (6)  
 4 God seen in elevated canal (4)  
 5 Animal, vegetable and the foreign insect (4,6)  
 6 Peace-lover – I interrupt if pacts collapse (8)  
 7 Very pale boy in never-ending booze-up (10)  
 8 Non-believer attending robbery (7)  
 14 Make trailer not very heavy (10)  
 15 Giving attention to commercial on salad sauce (10)  
 18 My grip on plant left appearing skillful (8)

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- 19 Brawl journalist only just got through (7)  
 22 Actors' perks (6)  
 23 Pin end of cloak in large drain (6)  
 25 Make money while learning (4)  
 26 Time to come back and make an issue (4)