

## ACROSS

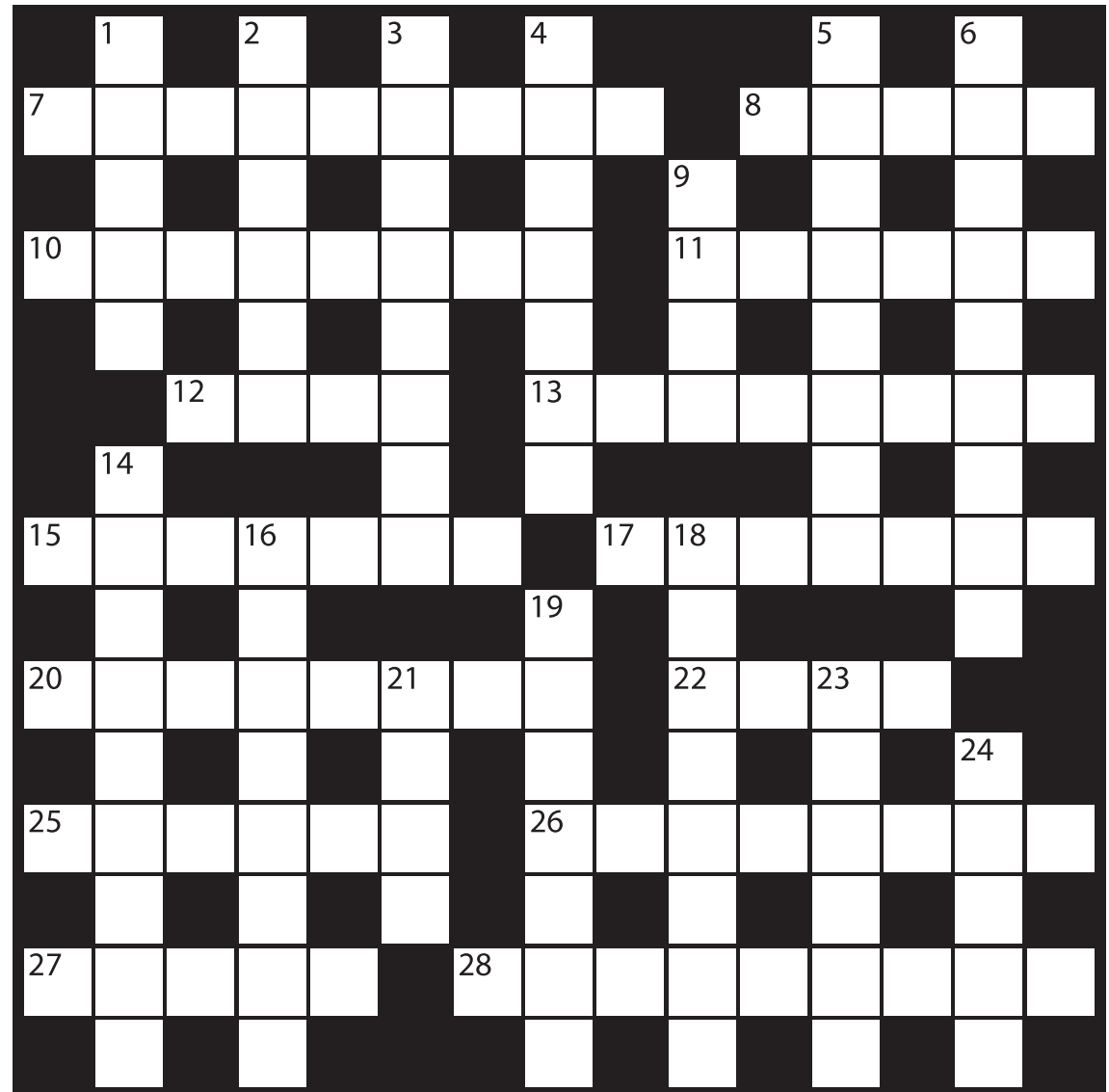
- 7 One bold enough to lead Verdi astray (9)  
8 Dart removes top from vegetable (5)  
10 Set a time, unusually, to make a valuation (8)  
11 Popular pal, prisoner (6)  
12 Still one abominable creature (4)  
13 Poplar replanting involving state consent (8)  
15 Small bet or bat? (7)  
17 Purposes of the articles (7)  
20 Mark is eager, initially, to settle in (8)  
22 Implement brought back to make rifle (4)  
25 Trouble arising when man embraces flighty lass (6)  
26 Tree gnarled and strangely tiny forever (8)  
27 Very little tin found in the street (5)  
28 Scaled-down car with a true problem (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Quiet moment where cat's feet heard (5)  
2 Detectives plunged into river with resolve (6)  
3 Radical vet's idea to give a tranquilliser (8)  
4 Motorbike attachment is raced out of control (7)  
5 Plain words about lip – what a bloomer (8)  
6 Singer against changing lot (9)  
9 School's ultimate naughty child, slack (4)  
14 Sum apportioned for destroying a wall once (9)  
16 Large number of handouts distributed (8)  
18 Formal notification that the gun is loaded (8)

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- 19 Vengeance seems in order (7)  
21 Time to change article (4)  
23 Strangely, are not highly decorated (6)  
24 It's severe at the rear (5)