

**ACROSS**

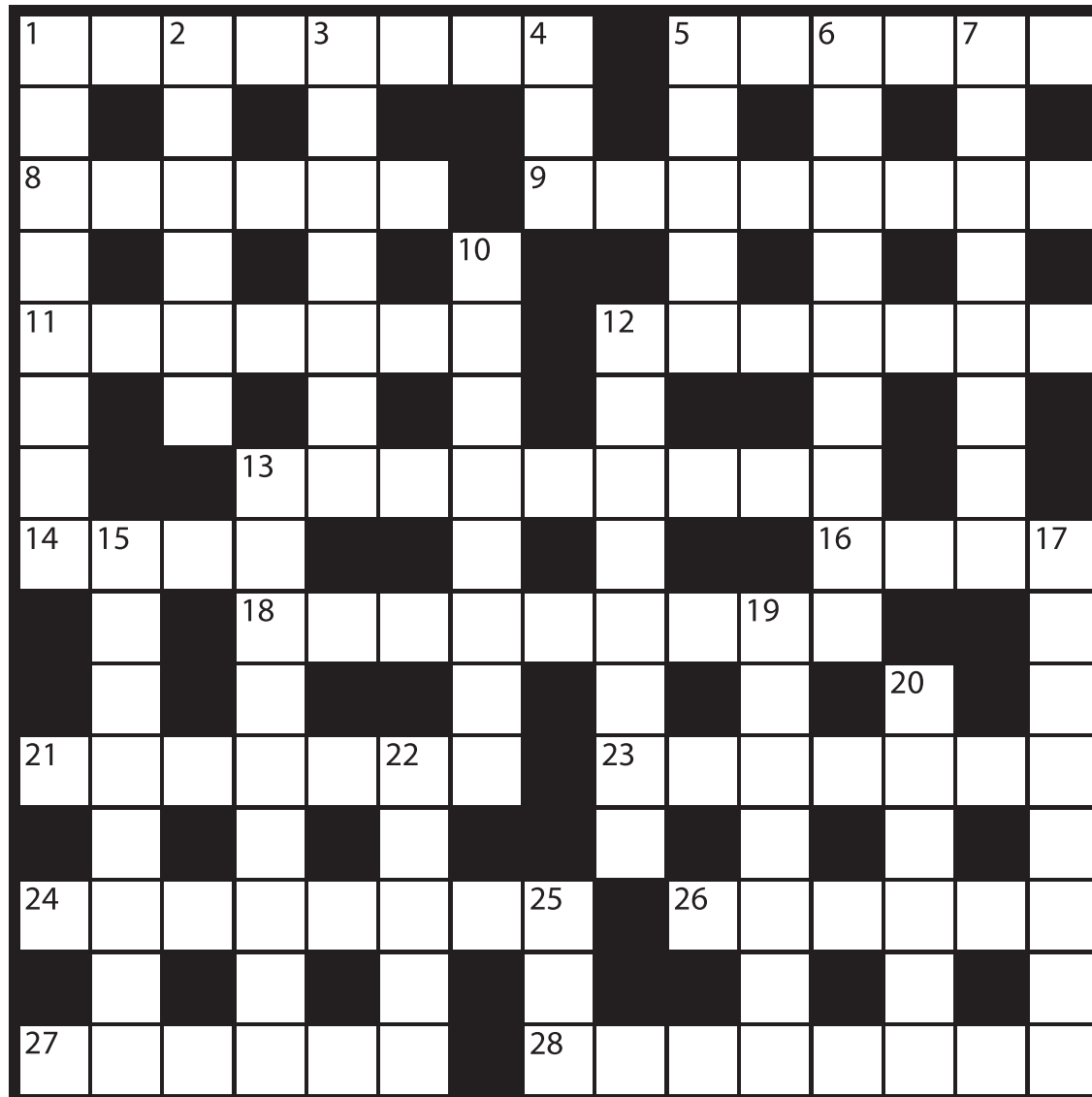
- 1 Very roomy pad is unfinished, making it all a shambles (8)
- 5 Be embarrassed – church is about to call (6)
- 8 Prefer taste without liquorice initially (6)
- 9 Bird in hospital held by yokel (8)
- 11 Defensive wall – part surrounds monkey (7)
- 12 Discovered railway and ironworks (7)
- 13 State as condition, lest I put a variation (9)
- 14 Defect in sound storey (4)
- 16 Spots river tree (4)
- 18 Mixed a grade one drink (9)
- 21 Commodity – it's obtained by multiplying (7)
- 23 Satellite rattles round (7)
- 24 Strange chaps, way back, had the leftovers (8)
- 26 The day before Kelly made it level (6)
- 27 Spirit, tradename unknown (6)
- 28 Unusually, Brenda's ringing two Europeans in Scottish city (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Twice highly praise childish train (4-4)
- 2 Costume causes your bad back (6)
- 3 Mutter curiously about piano and brass instrument (7)
- 4 Cheek lady in parlour initially (3)
- 5 Sacred Old Testament section is something to believe in (5)
- 6 Nine cries – confused and hypocritical (9)
- 7 Mean to be this? Quite the reverse (8)
- 10 Set point irregularity – hurry up! (4,2,2)
- 12 Unnaturally high voice of latest model (8)
- 13 Some crosswords mention fencers (9)
- 15 Dog left abroad wrong? Right! (8)

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- 17 I ran hard to escape the scolding old woman (8)
- 19 Hand over vile red mixture (7)
- 20 Can set out position (6)
- 22 Shrewd girl in outskirts of city (5)
- 25 Main chair, backless (3)