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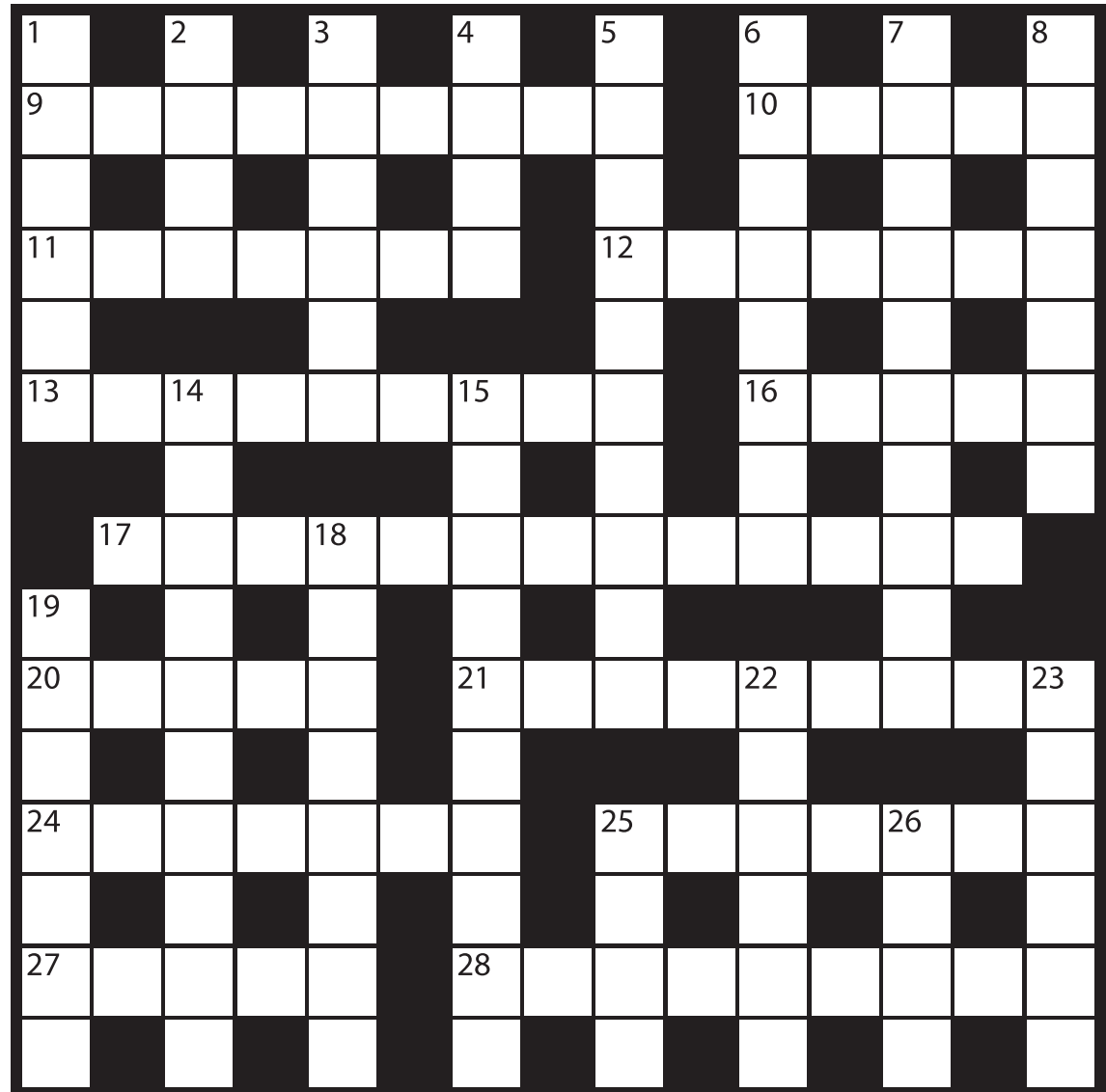
- 9 Type of falcon seen circling green pier (9)
10 Former one the French banish (5)
11 Boor removed bloodsucker, say, it's automatic (7)
12 Person predicting gain, we hear (7)
13 Sat back with two blokes, one from Down Under (9)
16 Last of nine, a number taken down (5)
17 Obvious material used to make shoes (6,7)
20 Bother old king buried in the past? (5)
21 Begged attendee to develop resistance inside (9)
24 Groups feel unwell and leave port! (3,4)
25 Disease of mother left with song (7)
27 Copper caught alternative female on island (5)
28 Teetotal, missing taking in can? (9)

DOWN

- 1 One trips up outside, having drink (6)
2 Poet backward and gloomy (4)
3 Saga that engages Ms Christie (6)
4 Element accommodated in Ritz in city (4)
5 Tyrant surrounding northern retreat is dejected (10)
6 Suggestive of benefit in hiring charge (8)
7 Way to shop, maybe get her this (4,6)
8 Write up song for Roman god (7)
14 Kills merriment on board ship (10)
15 Cleaner hit out, out of difficulty (2,3,5)
18 Going round Rome, Cuba and York once (8)
19 Hastened with large bag to lay waste (7)

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- 22 Cake, a relic, rotten (6)
23 Scarcity of knotted thread (6)
25 Poet's inspiration concealed from us entirely (4)
26 Ruminants turning up at waterside grass (4)