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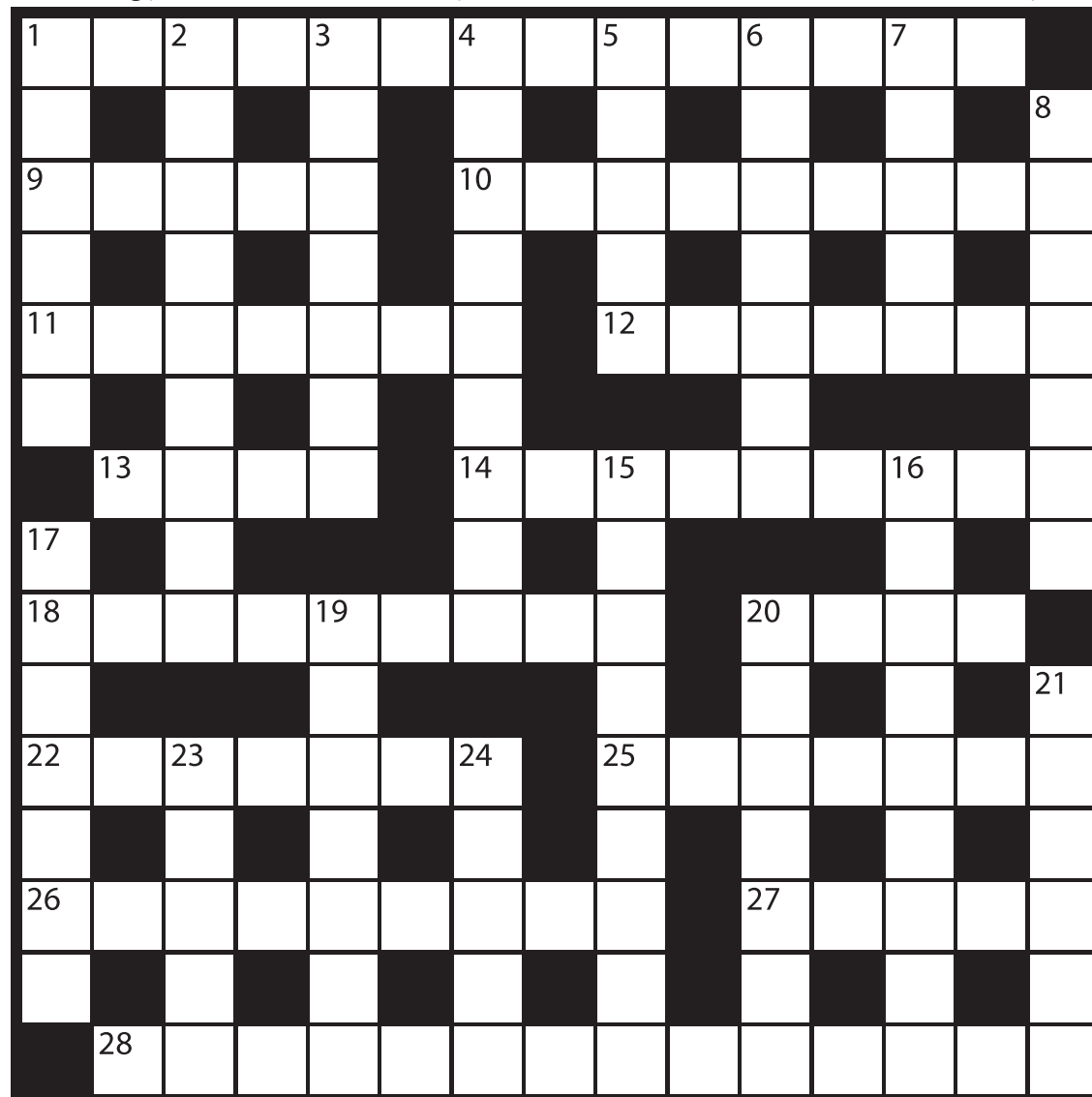
- 1 Bird unsettled men in peer group (7,7)
 9 Decays on ring of base (5)
 10 Listen to ongoing tale of barristers' healthy snack (6,3)
 11 Lay another curse to grip the French (7)
 12 Footnote beside second muscle (7)
 13 Row right after match (4)
 14 Registering when long liner is at sea (9)
 18 Being afflicted with painful joints can badly tire a chum (9)
 20 Pay won't start for a long time (4)
 22 Rice with ma's bait, cooked (7)
 25 New general is to go into details (7)
 26 Throw one inside overworked fossil (9)
 27 Learner phoned back to make knot (5)
 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

DOWN

- 1 Serge's flamboyant exit (6)
 2 Ban for writer (9)
 3 He takes stock of others (7)
 4 Referring to flow of water regularly coming round (9)
 5 Two notes about Togo's top bird (5)
 6 Almost pleased US spies get left frozen (7)
 7 Films Bruce regularly to inspire (5)
 8 Show what's to come before herb (7)
 15 Criminal tennis player? (9)
 16 Drunk one beer – ain't unusual (9)
 17 Head receives loot in confirmation of will (7)
 19 Pastures new as mowed (7)

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- 20 Claims from supporter in mixed sale (7)
 21 To laze around is not his style (6)
 23 Point to desire to be stylish (5)
 24 Girl hot from Dublin, perhaps (5)