

**ACROSS**

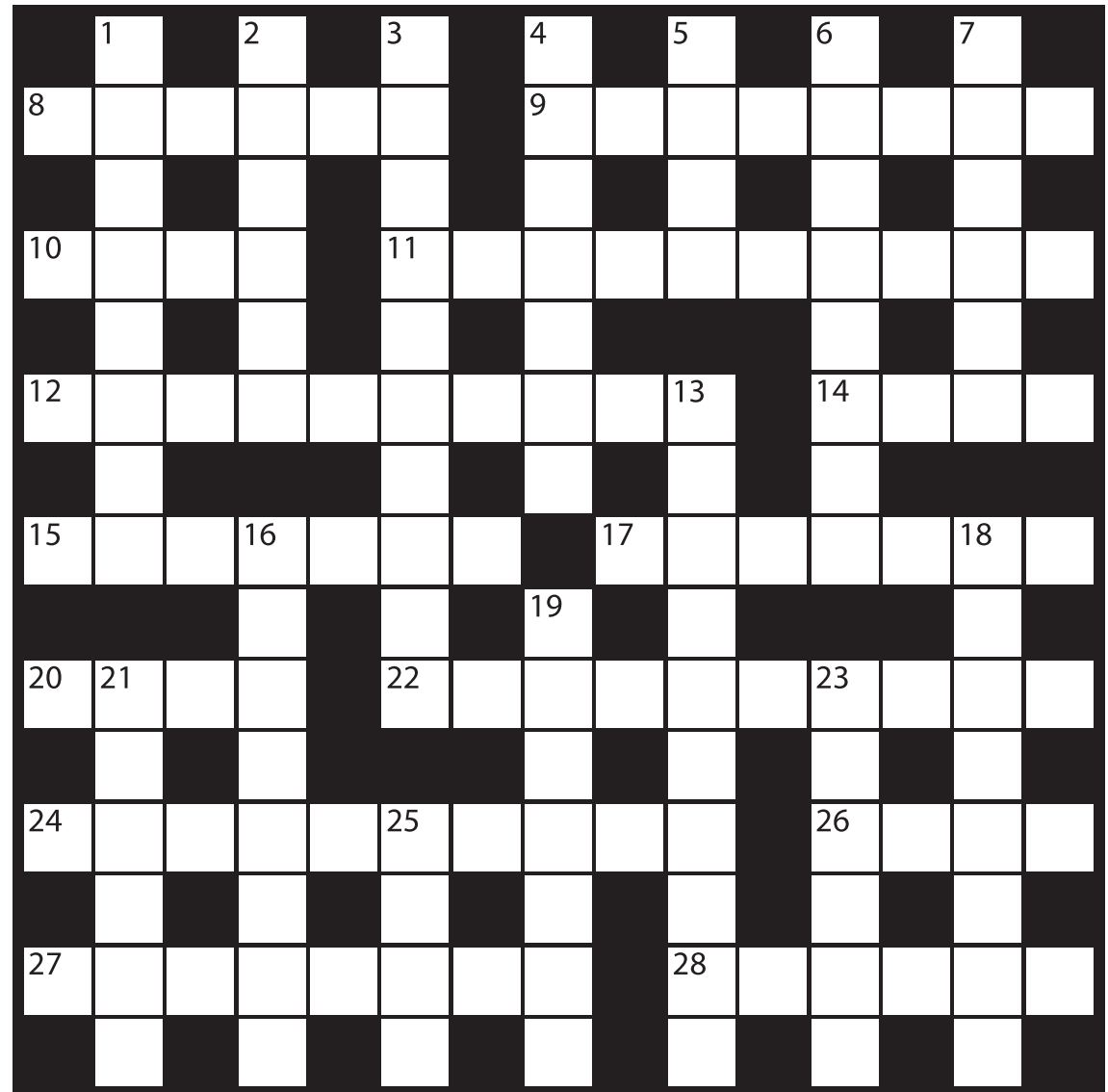
- 8 Footballer, or etcher? (6)  
 9 Confucius was confusing relation! (8)  
 10 Roast meat bringing complaint (4)  
 11 Canine from Cumberland? (7,3)  
 12 Colleague, reliable friend (10)  
 14 Eat girl the wrong way! (4)  
 15 Fruit in short month put to bed (7)  
 17 Criminal gang admitting fix (7)  
 20 Break off some bits to prepare (4)  
 22 Basil tries to cook with food additive (10)  
 24 Warble about subject a bit (10)  
 26 Quiet period for trio of students round university (4)  
 27 Unpleasant prison sentence at Greenwich? (4,4)  
 28 Heading off one desire, fairly fresh (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Pet crow's odd sort of bottle (5,3)  
 2 Building which is movable before being wonderful? (6)  
 3 Poorer puss, strangely wealthy (10)  
 4 Much-loved tree around centre of mound (7)  
 5 Singer keen to rise (4)  
 6 Probable loser grounded, unfortunately (8)  
 7 Outlaw about to shout displeasure at monkey (6)  
 13 Listener giving rebuke for eavesdropping (10)  
 16 Weak men opt out within it (8)  
 18 Sewer's aids initially seem unnecessary (8)

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- 19 Political furniture? (7)  
 21 Raging mood, calm! (6)  
 23 Relatives slain brutally around beginning of week (2-4)  
 25 Way-out team seen in sci-fi film (4)