

## ACROSS

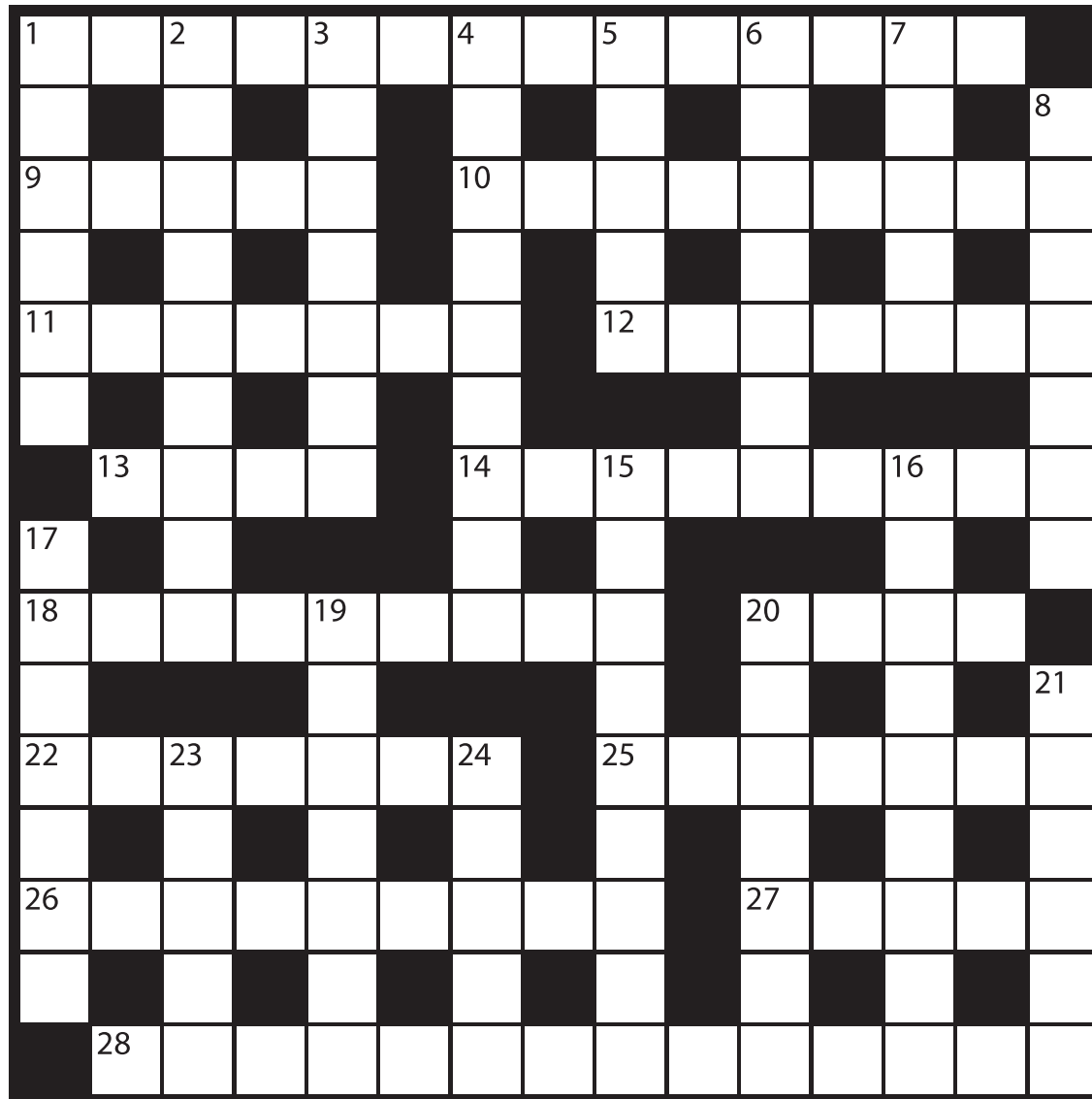
- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- 9 Groups on back street around Brazilian city (5)
- 10 Going up again, big increase in housing charge (9)
- 11 About a hundred dash for lounge (7)
- 12 Produce Edward surrendered (7)
- 13 Shortened platform for deer (4)
- 14 Dieting so wildly could have an effect on it (9)
- 18 A French gifted person, that's not normal! (9)
- 20 Flying mammals' sporting equipment (4)
- 22 John, eg, fitting odd bits outside (7)
- 25 Love fish oils to be prepared inside (7)
- 26 US bureau contains a claw here in Spain (9)
- 27 Some extra dealing, buying and selling (5)
- 28 And benefits Mrs Twist with dog (4,4,6)

## DOWN

- 1 Tries a new type of humour (6)
- 2 States university for noble hundred (9)
- 3 Knight turns up with monarch, gambling (7)
- 4 Exclude bid from local worker (9)
- 5 A way in New York that is not pleasant (5)
- 6 Stuff, but lacking affectation? (7)
- 7 Beliefs of a Native American daughter (5)
- 8 University pupil might be stunted? (7)
- 15 Four bring noble outside and go in search of pleasure (9)
- 16 Certain it involved something complicated (9)

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- 17 Worry about cork, or the lack of it, from the bush (7)
- 19 Toys with desserts (7)
- 20 Rocket motor needs another injection (7)
- 21 Story describing foot? (6)
- 23 Bread has hole – thanks! (5)
- 24 Under emotional strain in past, say (5)