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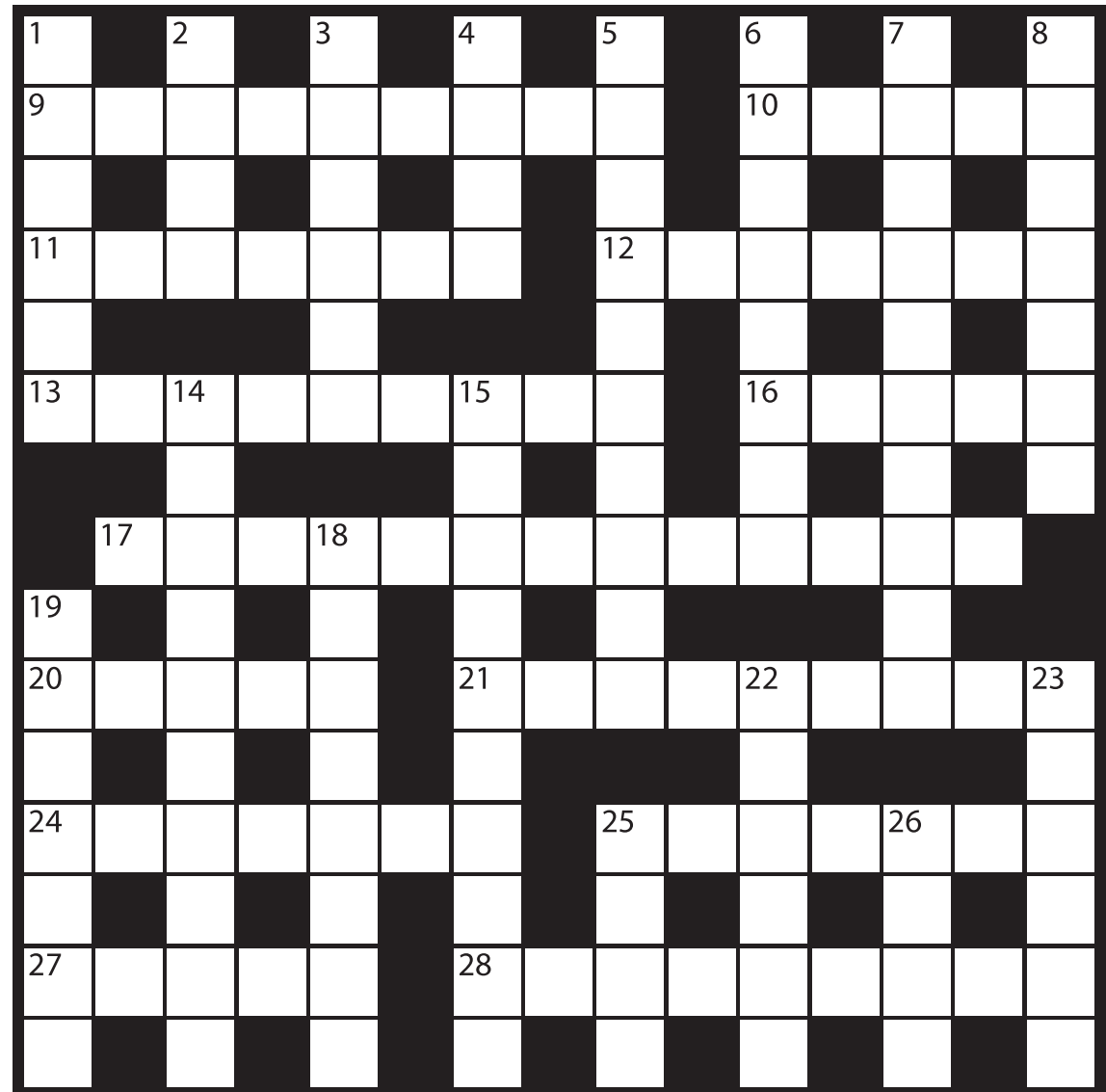
- 9 Heartless competitor comes below salesman and is sorry (9)
10 Turn away from a green in Paris (5)
11 Composer from the USSR sat out (7)
12 Hear sad music playing, make light jacket (7)
13 I later turned, scoffed and hit back (9)
16 Cooker fashionable once more (5)
17 I act out mime as revolver is able to reload (4-9)
20 Vagrants wasting time on slopes (5)
21 Yours truly right to sing to small traders (9)
24 Bacteriologist to stick with old city (7)
25 Understand messenger's offered leak (7)
27 Passenger vehicles back in fashion (5)
28 Racecourse sought by salesman? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Rubber ring opens, but remove first (6)
2 Hits back to practise boxing (4)
3 Book, then cancel around first of August (6)
4 Raised platform for endless flower (4)
5 Sensible party or it's closed too late! (6,4)
6 View eye of storms in Central American country (8)
7 USA is prone, oddly, to have a set of beliefs (10)
8 Making amends in Tonga revolution (7)
14 Hot matters when adjusting this regulator (10)
15 Colour of sea water first (10)
18 Checks bugs going around softly (8)

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- 19 Suggest writing about Italian river (7)
22 Holds inner longing for animals (6)
23 Short sleep in cosiest armchair (6)
25 Joined all the points (4)
26 Requests that front is taken off veils (4)