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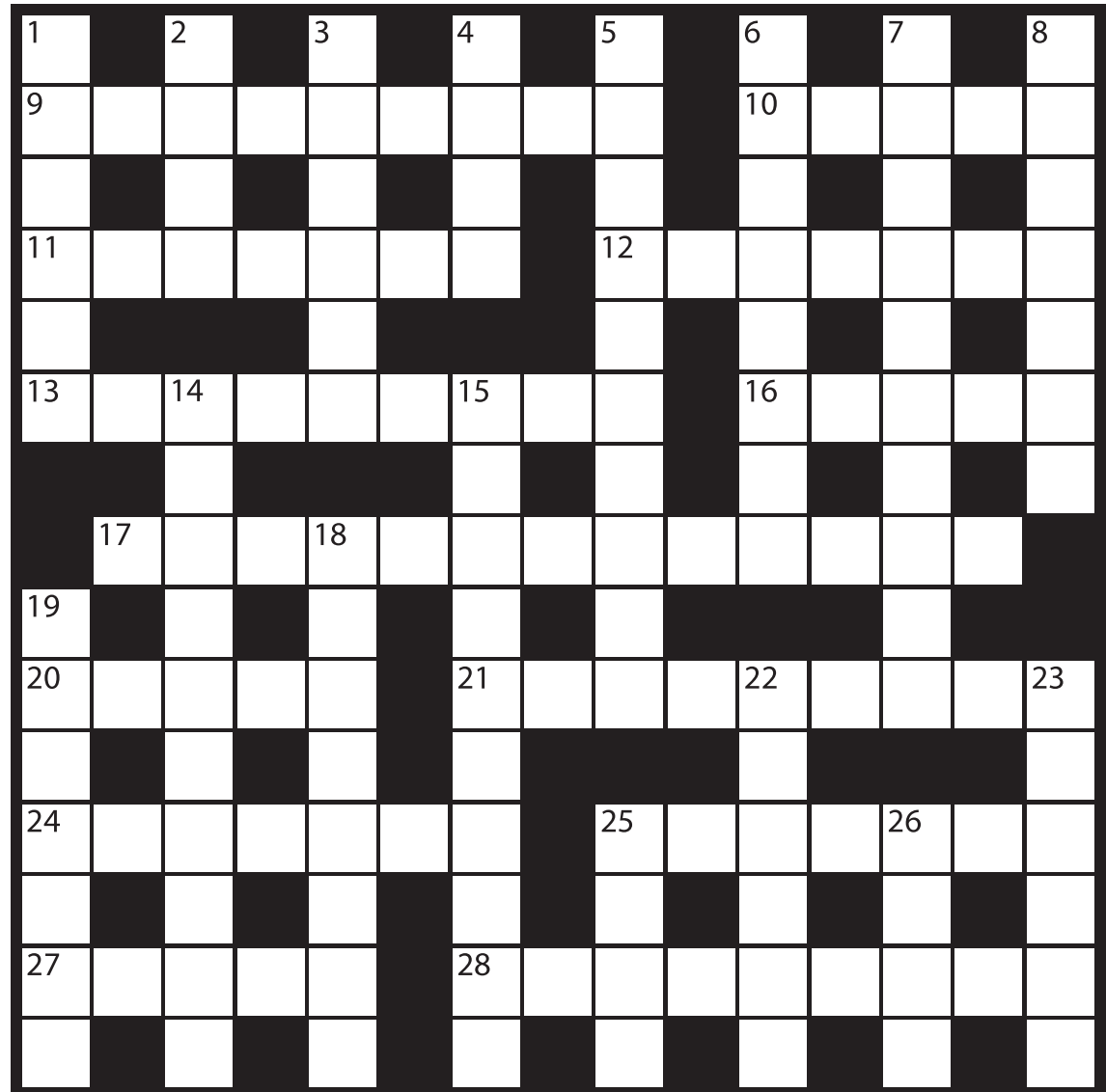
- 9** Circus performer to dismiss festival lacking opening speaker (4-5)
10 Saucy dance (5)
11 The Spanish road almost leads to Herts film studios (7)
12 Tenant farmer, cert for redevelopment (7)
13 First of ladies enters sacred forest, a place in California (9)
16 Relation kind about last of inheritance (5)
17 Mercenary removing Islamic attire (13)
20 Animal swallowed male swindler (5)
21 Under canvas, middle sister is demanding (9)
24 Cosmetic for Mum to conceal a mark (7)
25 Secret serviceman (7)
27 Live way out to accommodate son (5)
28 Put forward by not including hit (9)

DOWN

- 1** Almost on the loose in wood again (6)
2 Notable periods in dossier – astounding! (4)
3 Girl and boy are treacherous (6)
4 Eye disorder from pen point (4)
5 They may snap new soccer idol (10)
6 Datsun so unusual it amazes (8)
7 Potentially lethal occasion, permanently (3,3,4)
8 Locks security device? (7)
14 English in Paris held unlikely command (10)
15 Made a speech without a single drink being started (10)
18 Passages from former pamphlets (8)

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- 19** Dart thrown by Mr Capes (7)
22 Failure to raise students (4-2)
23 Fashionable attempt to accept conclusion (6)
25 Apple's content with time signal (4)
26 Contributes, as do day staff at first (4)