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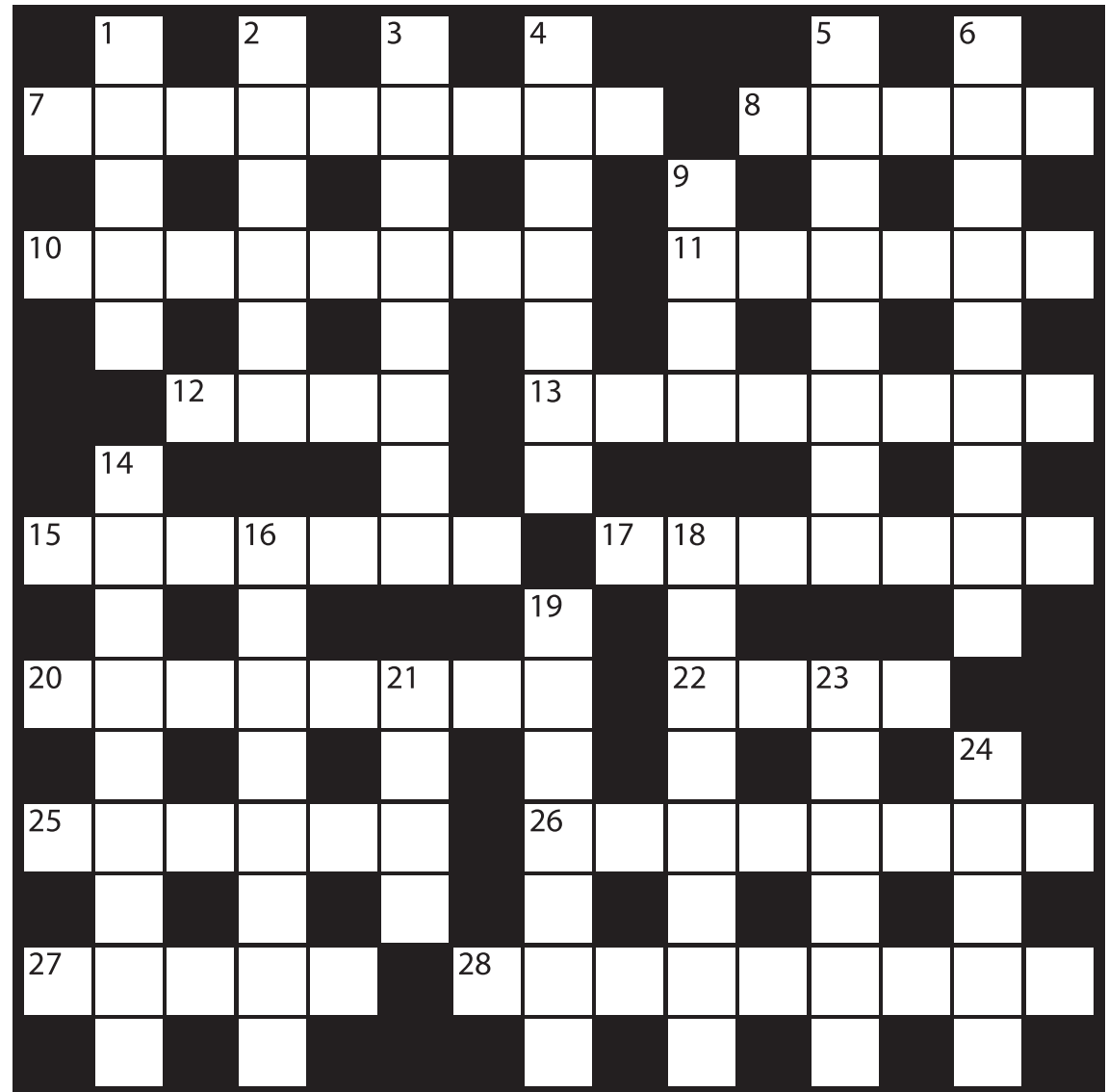
- 7 Being bitter, nurse felt terrible (9)
- 8 Theme of some Tintoretto pictures (5)
- 10 Rank is material to a worker (8)
- 11 Royal's cost about billion, finally (6)
- 12 Reportedly deserve to get the bird (4)
- 13 Got overturned boat in before reporter (8)
- 15 Salesman with part of roof is cold-blooded creature (7)
- 17 Is returning surrounded by a number – that's stupid (7)
- 20 Cunning swimmer conceals one object (8)
- 22 A route when on holiday? (4)
- 25 Animated performance I have followed (6)
- 26 Hen beetle? (8)
- 27 Tip over firelighter (5)
- 28 Get back right dog (9)

DOWN

- 1 Mention umpire about to come up (5)
- 2 Counter holds food for the needy person (6)
- 3 Agreed answer is contained in confused details (3,1,4)
- 4 Protest about university's sale by lot (7)
- 5 Cheat a servant, that's the rule (8)
- 6 Crime Stan bungled for scoundrel (9)
- 9 Catch sight of small container (4)
- 14 Fairies manage to find submarine device (9)
- 16 Bleating about concrete (8)
- 18 Flag nothing special (8)

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- 19 Laces he ordered in part of London (7)
- 21 Time to change piece of news (4)
- 23 A doctor went first but didn't rush (6)
- 24 Information about engineers being inexperienced (5)