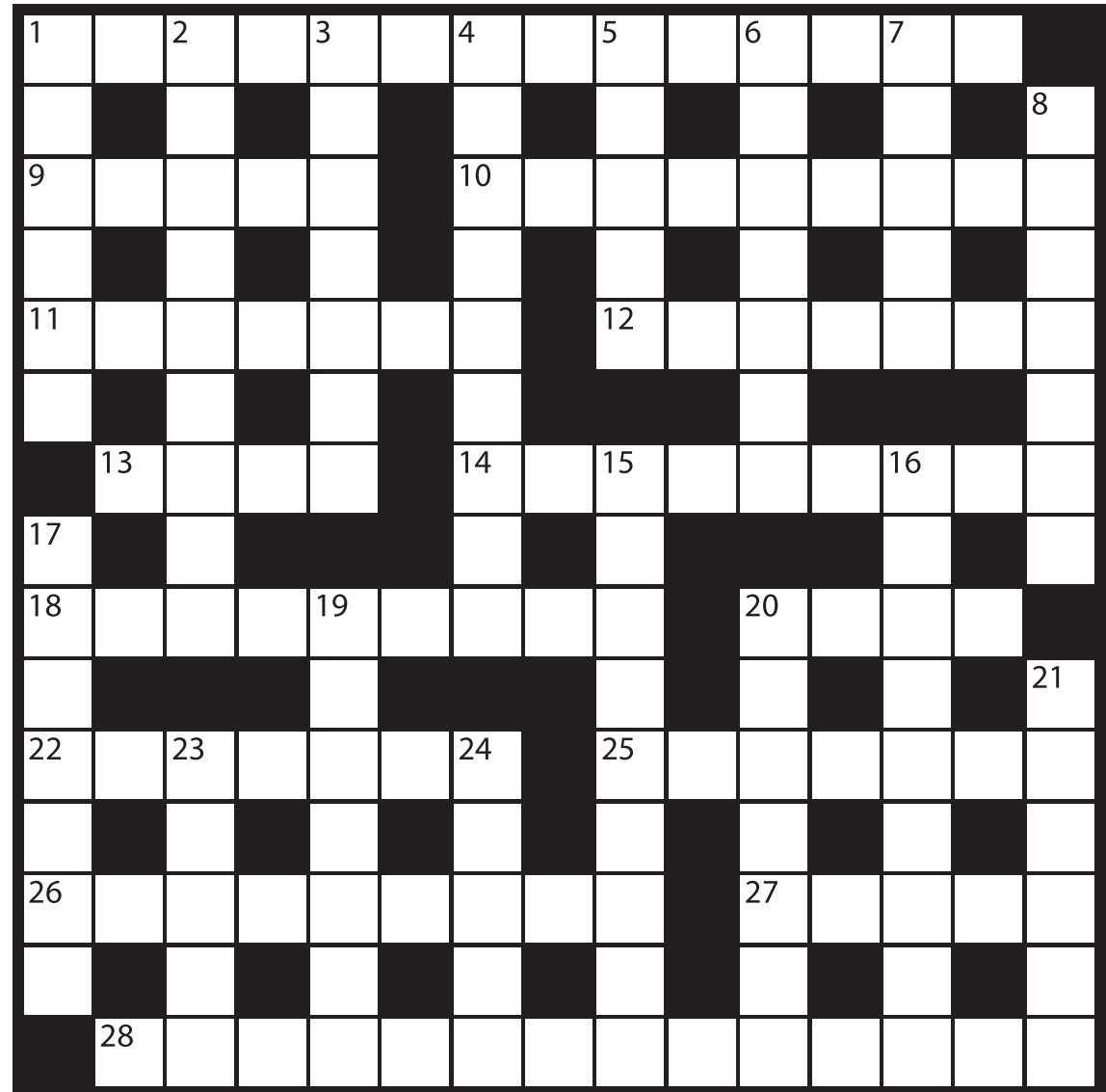


**ACROSS**

- 1 Liquorice sweet makes rotten face pack! (10,4)
- 9 Glowing, he is slender (5)
- 10 Stack in box at lower price (5,4)
- 11 A serial about receivers (7)
- 12 Famous rapper lost one thousand books (7)
- 13 Spot a long-term spy (4)
- 14 One's in India or another place (9)
- 18 Tiredness affected the townsfolk (9)
- 20 Right worker to launch tirade (4)
- 22 Unbeatable rival seems in order (7)
- 25 Sweet funny bachelors (3,4)
- 26 New lad Ron's upset person of property (9)
- 27 Unfamiliar article protecting untruth (5)
- 28 Had bow-ties on, be prepared for pantomime (5,2,3,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Tablet given to a king, upright (6)
- 2 No riotous change is infamous (9)
- 3 Uplift by dancing veleta with energy (7)
- 4 Spiralling rises once resulted in a slump (9)
- 5 Railway station workers overheard (5)
- 6 Legend – suitable one displayed in study (7)
- 7 Jack could be king with part of church following (5)
- 8 Plant civil man with boy (7)
- 15 North African soldier has to leave renegade (6,3)
- 16 Romanians struggling in this republic (3,6)
- 17 Fiddle involving runs results in dispute (7)



- 19 Arrange little girl's stance (7)
- 20 A member in anger creates a storm (7)
- 21 Deserved to be knowledgeable, though not initially (6)
- 23 Chap, one with a fixation (5)
- 24 Mount artificial intelligence on wrongdoing (5)