

**ACROSS**

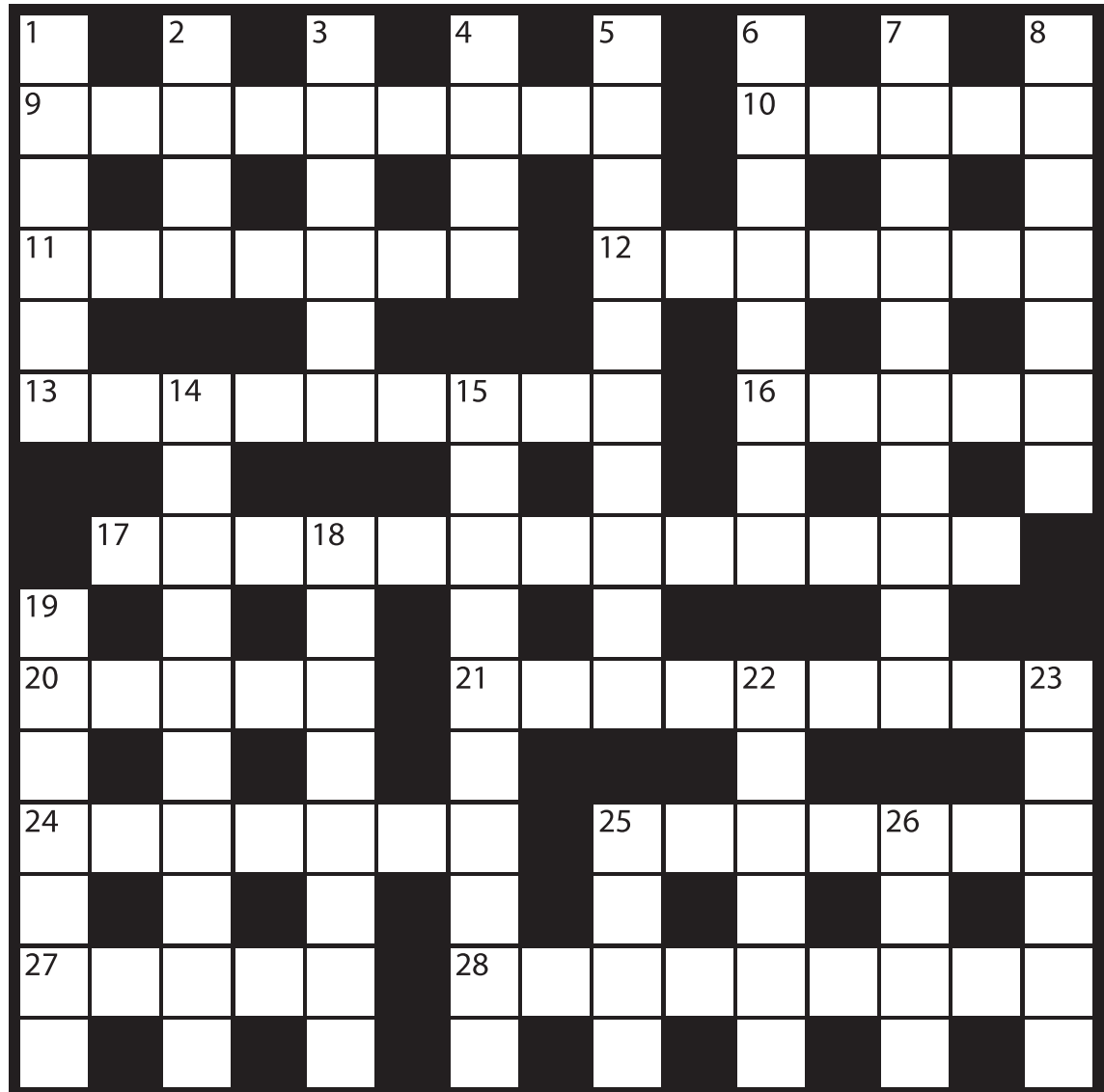
- 9 Uncomfortable, unwell, standing like this, perhaps (3,2,4)  
 10 At hospital Lee confused northern woman (5)  
 11 Managed to fire rifle (7)  
 12 Person gambling to arrest southern joker (7)  
 13 Hurry back to check condition of vehicle (6,3)  
 16 You first lied about the harvest (5)  
 17 Pad up recliner, working it into a vertical position? (13)  
 20 Get about in ancient Rome? (5)  
 21 Inelegat, wild, wild rose (9)  
 24 Bread for tea with bit of butter on, for one (7)  
 25 Painkiller developed in Paris (7)  
 27 Leave of absence, formerly, to dine (5)  
 28 Garden centres accommodating children? (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bore right through section (6)  
 2 Dash into outside lane (4)  
 3 Narrow passage that's honest, we hear (6)  
 4 007's boss to request a disguise (4)  
 5 Holder of condiment, or factory making it? (6,4)  
 6 Turned out carrying square of material – I appreciate that! (5,3)  
 7 Beautiful people get into gilt attire (10)  
 8 Trendy model impolite to poke nose in (7)  
 14 Draw wave after match's decider (3-7)  
 15 Blyton almost entered nunnery when accessible (10)  
 18 Legumes with insects for poor country folk (8)

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- 19 Cecil is removing winter spikes (7)  
 22 Write back and cut off family member (6)  
 23 Man enters drunkenly (6)  
 25 Jaunty song with happy ending (4)  
 26 One put in to manage dilapidated building (4)