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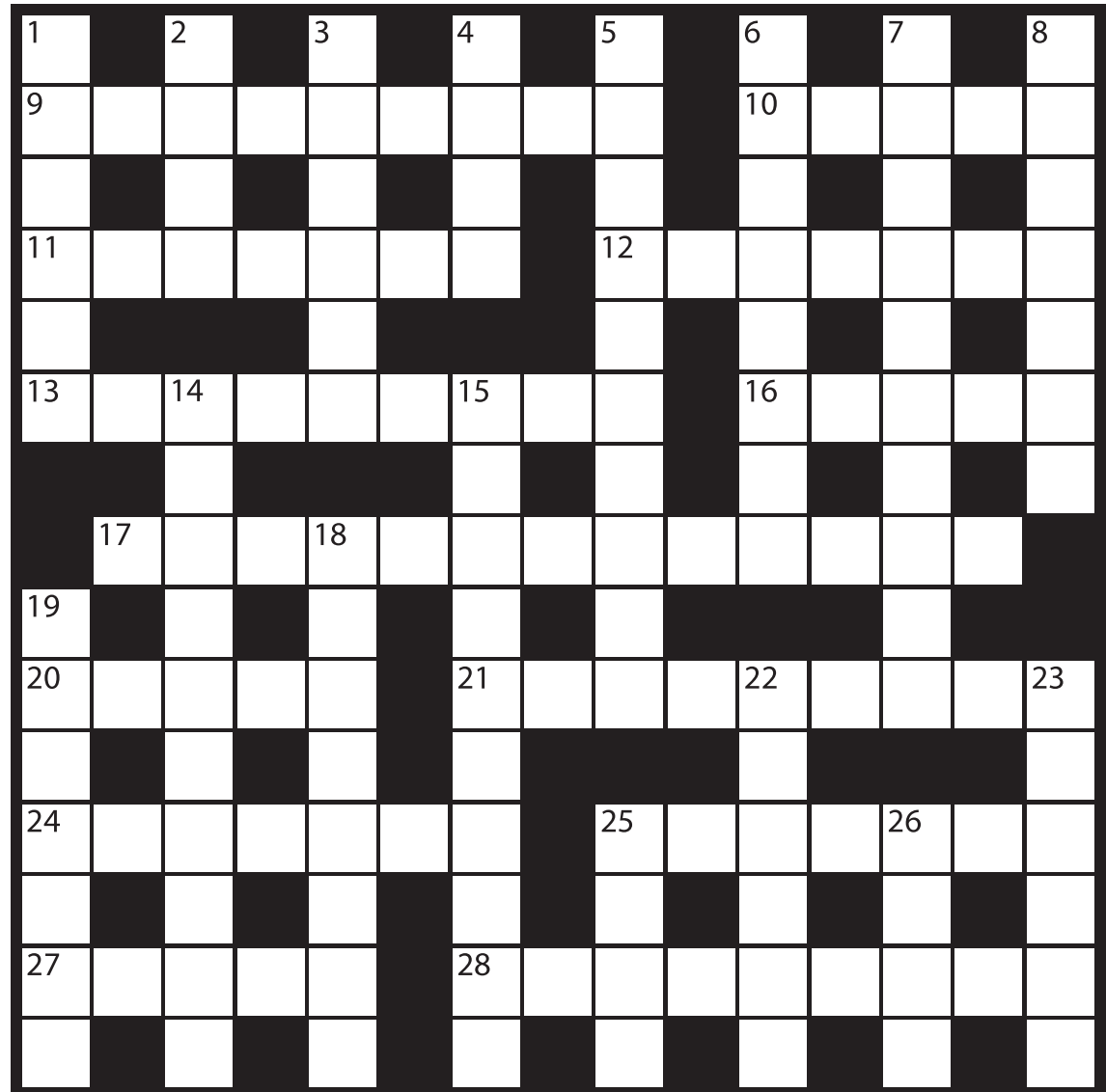
- 9 Hound socialist compiler (3,6)
 10 Boredom that is back to claim different nun (5)
 11 Old thespian is a demanding person (7)
 12 Argued about installing political leader to raise rank (7)
 13 Costing the earth? Just the opposite (4,5)
 16 Return some cosmetic articles (5)
 17 Straight over inner slant, forming a corner (2,5,6)
 20 Cyril rewrote part of song (5)
 21 Set alight gate I'd gone round, and took legal action (9)
 24 Terrible morale surrounds new hospital worker (7)
 25 Canine finding centre of target to follow (7)
 27 Weapon cavalry leader found in little road (5)
 28 Fruit from a green tin gone bad (9)

DOWN

- 1 Mate will finish after Friday (6)
 2 Stored by android, each thought (4)
 3 Gone off for a month in charge (6)
 4 Teacher has time in prison (4)
 5 Victorious pitman hurt when tumbling (10)
 6 Quitting a job without second ruling (8)
 7 Battle for betrothal (10)
 8 Different underwater swimmers beginning to expire (7)
 14 Withdrawal after work, or at the end of the day (10)
 15 Former partner and girl endlessly took food to make merry (10)
 18 Niceness, strangely, infuriates (8)

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- 19 Hundred left before time, evidently (7)
 22 Sheltered in crag, all eyries viewing old ship (6)
 23 An amount of marmalade? Greedy! (6)
 25 Depend on reserve (4)
 26 It may fall right in sink (4)