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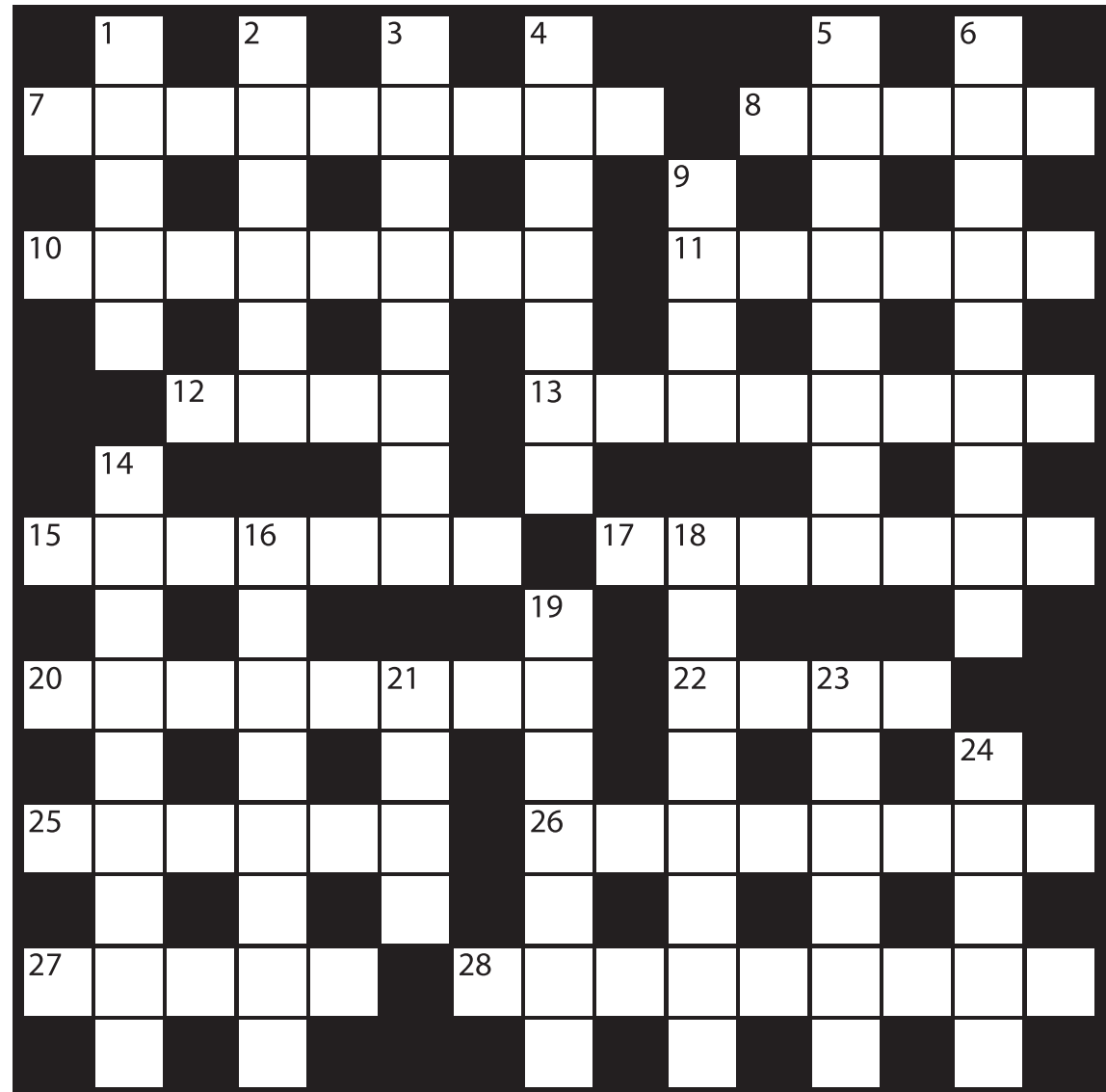
- 7 Teardrops shed for hunters (9)
8 Note to defraud staff (5)
10 Loudly criticises army huts (8)
11 Resolve to have river police in (6)
12 Thought one unable to hear, not loud (4)
13 So elated? Unfortunately the reverse (8)
15 Pays in full for wooden benches (7)
17 Excessive amount in front of heavyweight pig (7)
20 Flag nothing special (8)
22 Pleasant but not hot during the recess (4)
25 Quiet lift gets approval (6)
26 Firmly establish two points on candle bracket (8)
27 Left in sacred bush (5)
28 Spies in East, so upset with colleague (9)

DOWN

- 1 Sound produced by damaged organ? (5)
2 Trouble radical loved a lot (6)
3 Dot cakes haphazardly round enclosure (8)
4 Party leader has to stay and officiate (7)
5 Pair leased bit of jewellery (8)
6 Poisonous thing to do a lot originally round back of trees (9)
9 Verses partly immodest (4)
14 Old soldier destroyed Turin once (9)
16 Bleating about concrete (8)
18 Desires something spicy, but without much hope (4,4)

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- 19 Commercial poetry is contrary (7)
21 Changed name? So be it! (4)
23 Music writer has cut of meat at home (6)
24 A rather appealing sort of accent (5)