

## ACROSS

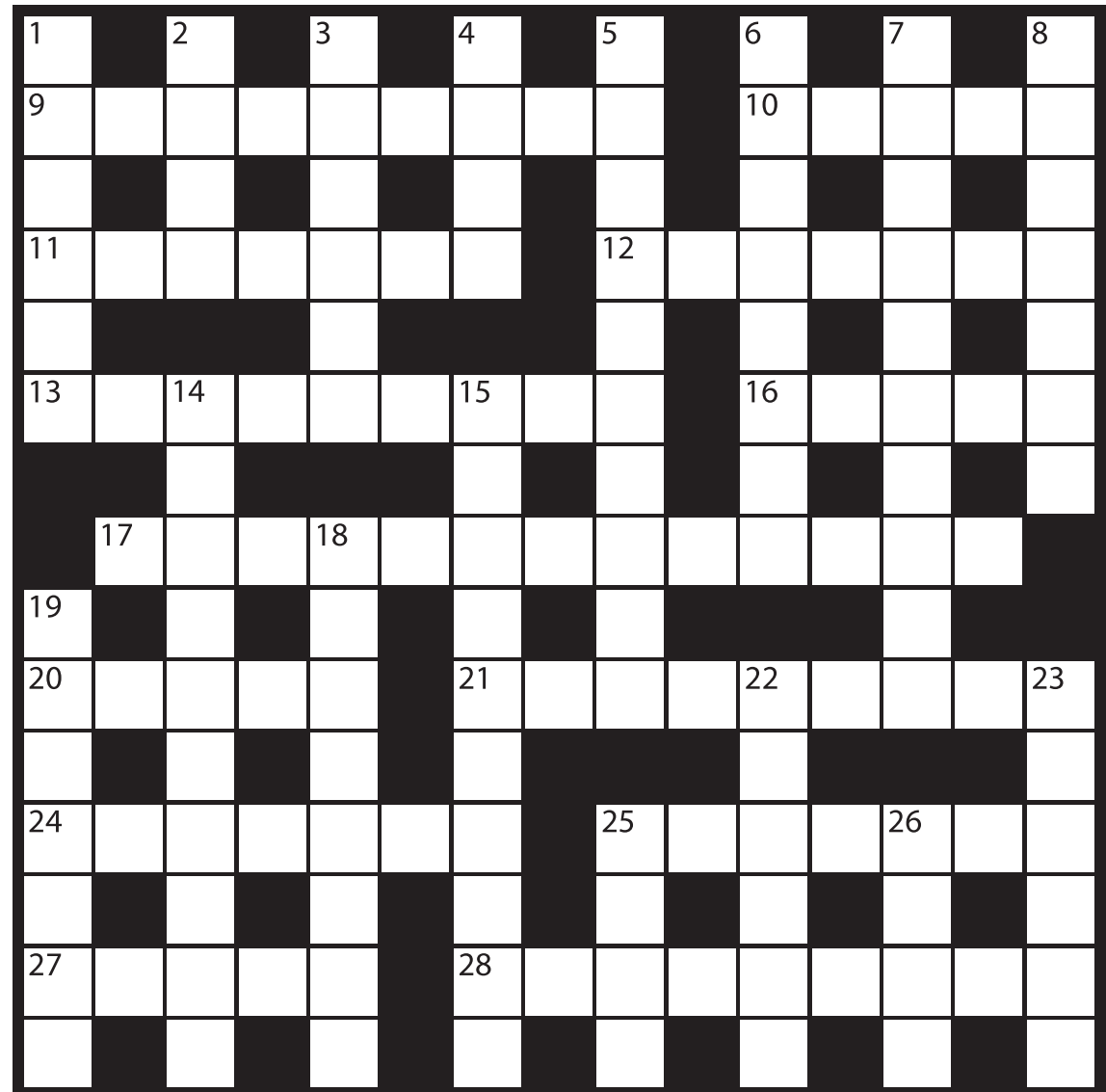
- 9 Awkward situation for one in a jacket? (3,6)  
10 Stick put right inside large machine (5)  
11 Dreadful diced lamb, say (7)  
12 Coming across yours truly, get in stew (7)  
13 Small vote for variety (9)  
16 Accoutrements somewhat eccentric (5)  
17 Outlandish Istanbul saint is not real (13)  
20 Takes quick glances, we hear, at diarist (5)  
21 Nicer test organised, making cross (9)  
24 Returning once more with artist to river (7)  
25 Diana has a lightweight plan (7)  
27 Show contempt for national leader taken in by prophet (5)  
28 Doing what you are told, ie once bed remade (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Doesn't play by the rules in 100 contests (6)  
2 One can't go and do it (4)  
3 Funny sulphur interior of the universe (6)  
4 Lost friend beginning to become boring (4)  
5 Military officer giving order to soldier (10)  
6 Performed in the open-air as if in a play (5,3)  
7 Person in court aims, target destroyed (10)  
8 Thought fit as Scandinavian had said (7)  
14 Old record broken by Polly Regan (4-6)  
15 Prime mover causing giants' riot (10)  
18 Puts out and broadcasts on a higher level (8)  
19 Language where range is hard (7)

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- 22 Way that is required for gig worker (6)  
23 Meddle with new PR team (6)  
25 Far down river, first of people (4)  
26 Call for a boxing arena (4)