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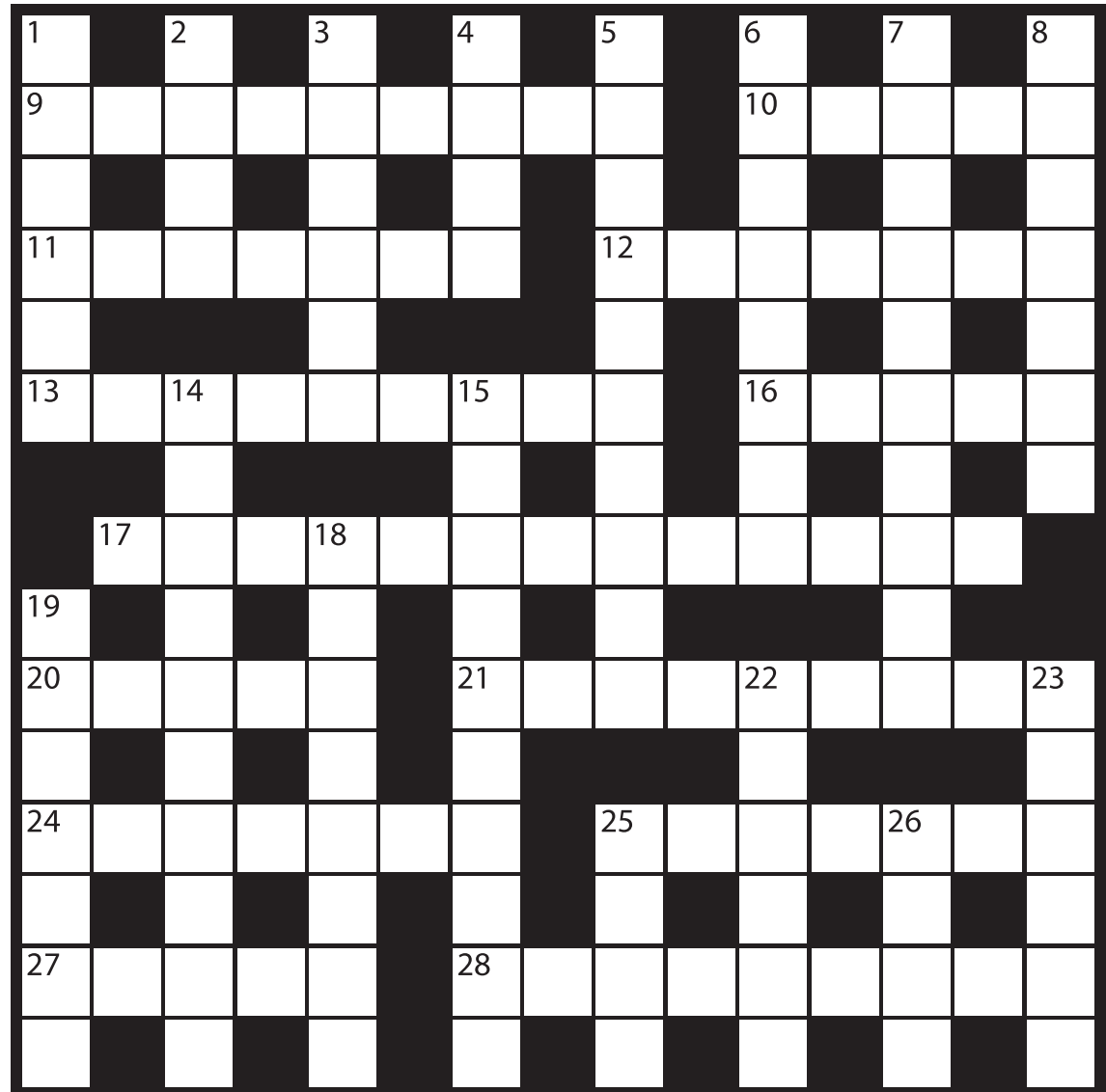
- 9 Trendy army officer? For the most part (2,7)
 10 Unwell in the French town (5)
 11 Excuses daughter, leaving study ahead of boys (7)
 12 Useful person not in favour of diplomacy (7)
 13 Mollusc deity has a temper (9)
 16 Name a consumer said (5)
 17 Airports enact new delay (13)
 20 Spring leader lost weight (5)
 21 Young birds sent off with learner sing badly (9)
 24 Nearly sure currency is like nothing on earth (7)
 25 One who seizes power from frantic pursuer (7)
 27 Soldier's left in charge of old artefact (5)
 28 Below the surface, left car coat (9)

DOWN

- 1 Woman I love is returning from North Sea workplace (3,3)
 2 Part of fragrant Indian city (4)
 3 Elected party given alternative sort of sports (6)
 4 Spheres or bends, no conclusion (4)
 5 Explains how Lucie got mixed up over appointments (10)
 6 Scheme ain't working to produce a banana (8)
 7 Lousy insect given a wound (4-6)
 8 American money artist left at the core (7)
 14 Season, then toss a pancake (6,4)
 15 Baking ingredient to possibly fall in and run over (5,5)
 18 Men cycle round having readiness to forgive (8)

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- 19 Abbot's top style (7)
 22 Learning about ultraviolet in French gallery (6)
 23 The way to get bread to walk! (6)
 25 Even turned to disengage (4)
 26 Linesman's favourite going round ring (4)