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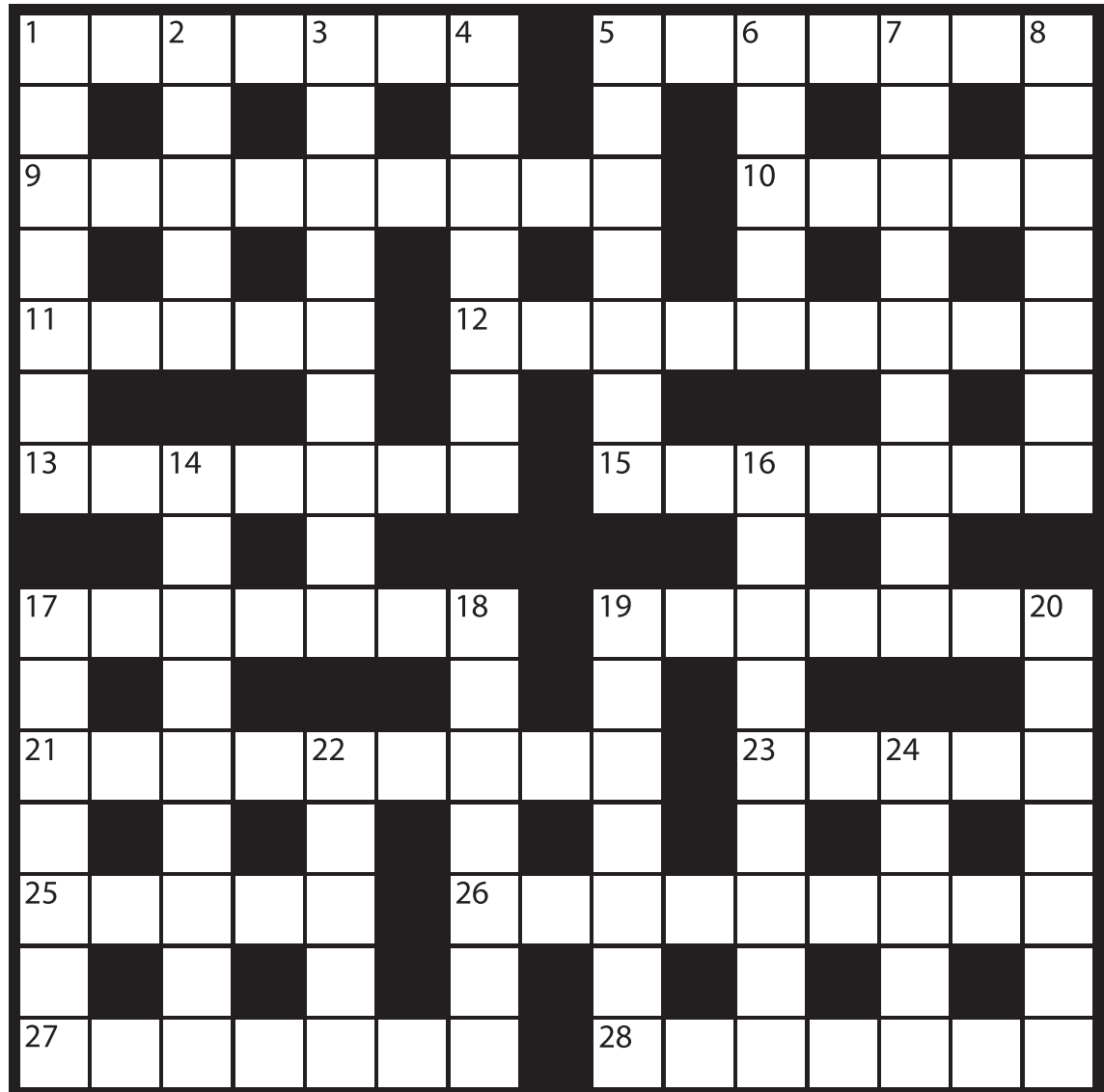
- 1 Assembles church service set in retreating ocean (7)
- 5 Pelt crowd returning to poet (7)
- 9 Chatty part-time soldiers like vat to be turned over (9)
- 10 Profit about right for cereal (5)
- 11 Seize Tom by the church (5)
- 12 Teacher breaks gauge – dope! (9)
- 13 Go one better than heavenly happening (7)
- 15 Listen to, for instance, gossip (7)
- 17 The others endlessly yell about new image (7)
- 19 Loose animal is turned over to police department (7)
- 21 Ethical point in clipper design (9)
- 23 Texan battle during gala morning (5)
- 25 Dodge with eastern duel, maybe (5)
- 26 New thing to drop at dusk (9)
- 27 Expensive, the French spire (7)
- 28 Rush for cost of hiring a hill? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Item – make it clear (7)
- 2 Distribute plenty, we hear (5)
- 3 To strike a dwarf is irresponsible (4-5)
- 4 Dottily paint pet's lip, somehow (7)
- 5 Distance across loaf, the end is cut (7)
- 6 Legendary giant has a thousand spellbound (5)
- 7 Painkiller for poor gal, in case (9)
- 8 Thickly send out to English city (7)
- 14 Languor of girl, one performing duet (9)
- 16 Roughly tear a slab of ornamental material (9)
- 17 Put down and iron again? (7)

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- 18 Cost of writers being in river (7)
- 19 Cargo of crashed fighter (7)
- 20 Unravel red plot – it's only part of the solution (7)
- 22 Inexpensive hundred on pile (5)
- 24 A puzzle to astonish (5)