

## ACROSS

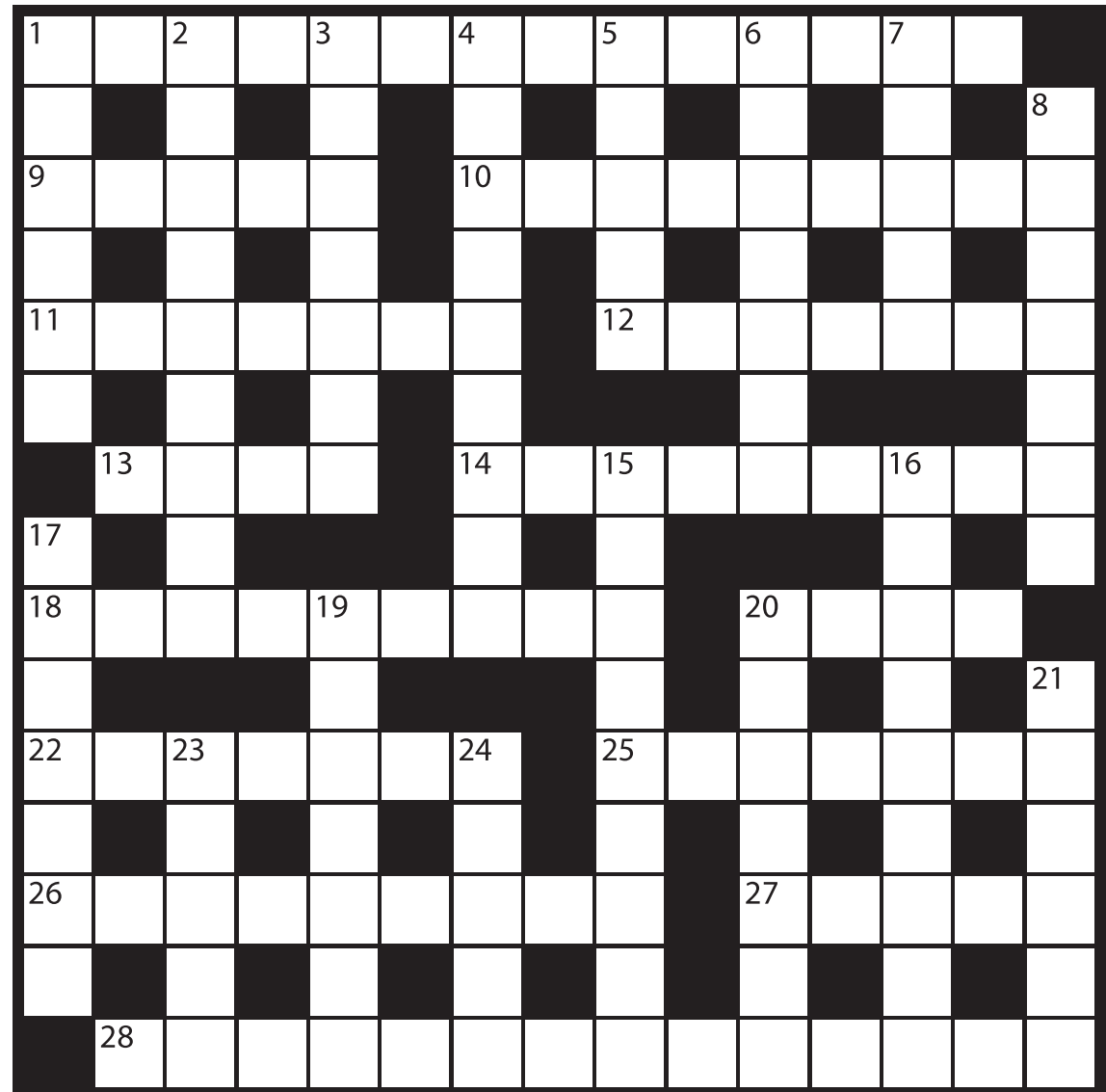
- 1 Careless lads do unearth old manuscripts (4,3,7)  
 9 Gone round with a cake (5)  
 10 Firm dates arranged quickly (9)  
 11 Nature's synthetic walk (7)  
 12 Opera character has noisy meeting with a knight (7)  
 13 Sharp, a bit like a cider's taste (4)  
 14 Refuse to enter here (6,3)  
 18 Jam caused by me accepting gun from a boy (9)  
 20 Pitch – or players (4)  
 22 Duty list set in stone (7)  
 25 Restate that well-read learner has gone (7)  
 26 Area in a slow-moving boat up-country (9)  
 27 Lowest part entering China directly (5)  
 28 Type of gypsum wound dressing for Achilles' killer? (7,2,5)

## DOWN

- 1 Assimilate joke heard after I'd turned back (6)  
 2 Person broadcasting word in mobile crane (9)  
 3 Initiated and jumped (7)  
 4 Laura, it's a wild country (9)  
 5 Leading climber has breather on the summit (5)  
 6 Getting on with occasion of long standing (3-4)  
 7 Jumped into blue carpet regularly (5)  
 8 Making amends in Tonga revolution (7)  
 15 Kid at home composing operetta (3,6)  
 16 Witness brandy set's breakage (9)

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- 17 Shade, for example, put up – causes resentment (7)  
 19 Accountant gets lock for female performer (7)  
 20 Take all the prizes, though meagre in trophy (5,2)  
 21 A woman's jewels (6)  
 23 Newton to move smoothly round creature (5)  
 24 A garden entrance, stone (5)