

## ACROSS

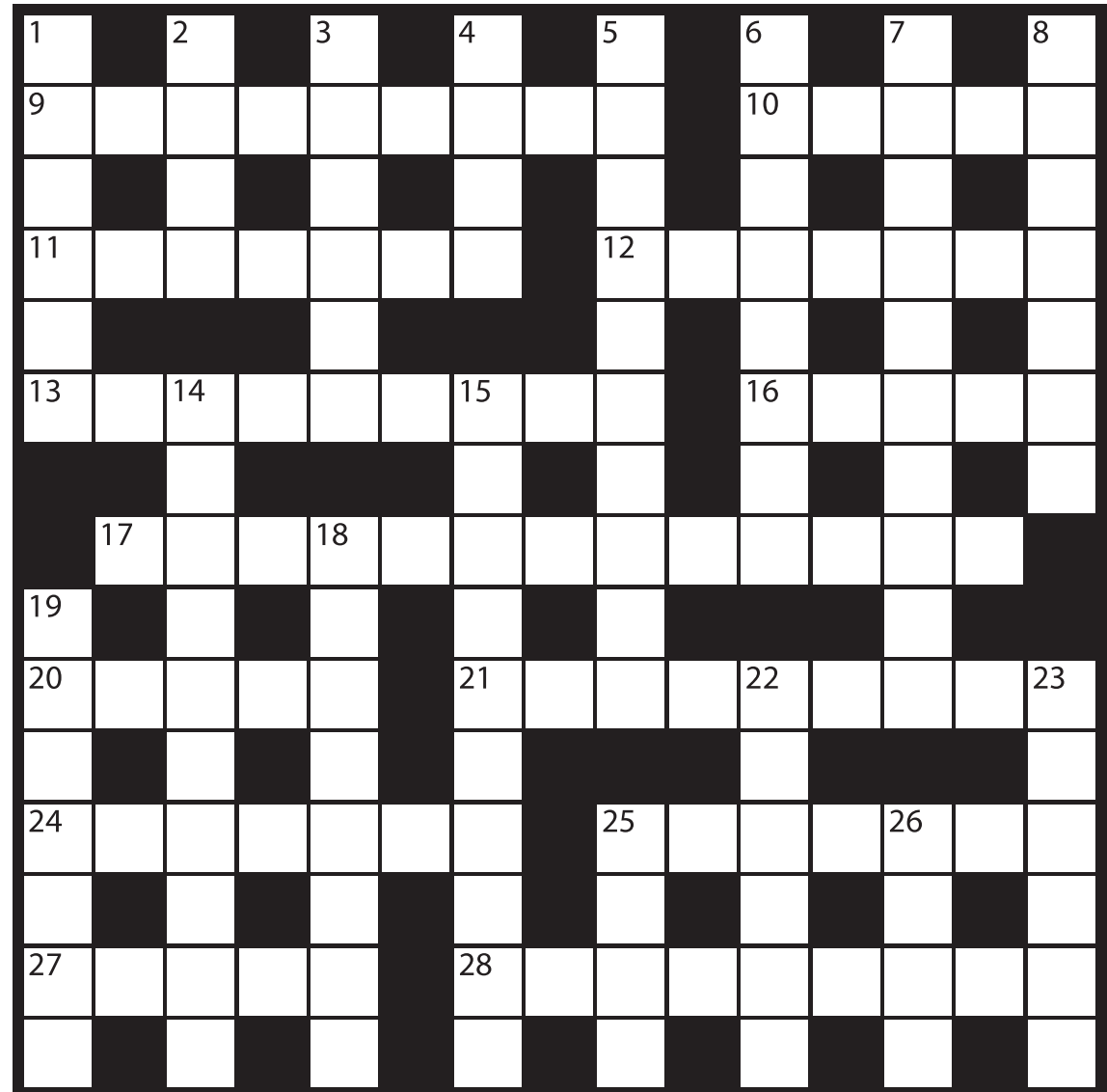
- 9 Correct behaviour, awfully quiet – better without extremes (9)  
10 Girl who's not quite natural (5)  
11 Soften copper on his round (7)  
12 Let out, or let out again? (7)  
13 Leap to ask earnestly about the church (9)  
16 Stain spoilt shiny fabric (5)  
17 Descendant arranged tongs artfully (5-8)  
20 Not appropriate to sleep in it (5)  
21 Part of a river where someone may cut you off (9)  
24 Go in van round French city (7)  
25 Instrument fool found in benefit (7)  
27 Fruit produced an awkward smile (5)  
28 List menu changes to poor eater (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Save secure moves (6)  
2 Fail to hit girl (4)  
3 I'm about to be covered in purple volcanic stone (6)  
4 Make progress without head in college (4)  
5 Not far off earth and an explosion (4,2,4)  
6 Finish in goal, surrounded (8)  
7 Bob reset an irregular sternum (10)  
8 Foreign city: New Orleans (7)  
14 Solid earth makes fright stronger, we hear (5,5)  
15 With strong principles, elated having cared (4-6)  
18 Heavy weight is put into tree to amaze (8)  
19 Vehicle reversing within distance – what a wonder! (7)

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22 Sets do upset cast (6)

23 Way in which some children name things backwards (6)

25 Down a shade (4)

26 Through the mouth – alternatively a lake (4)