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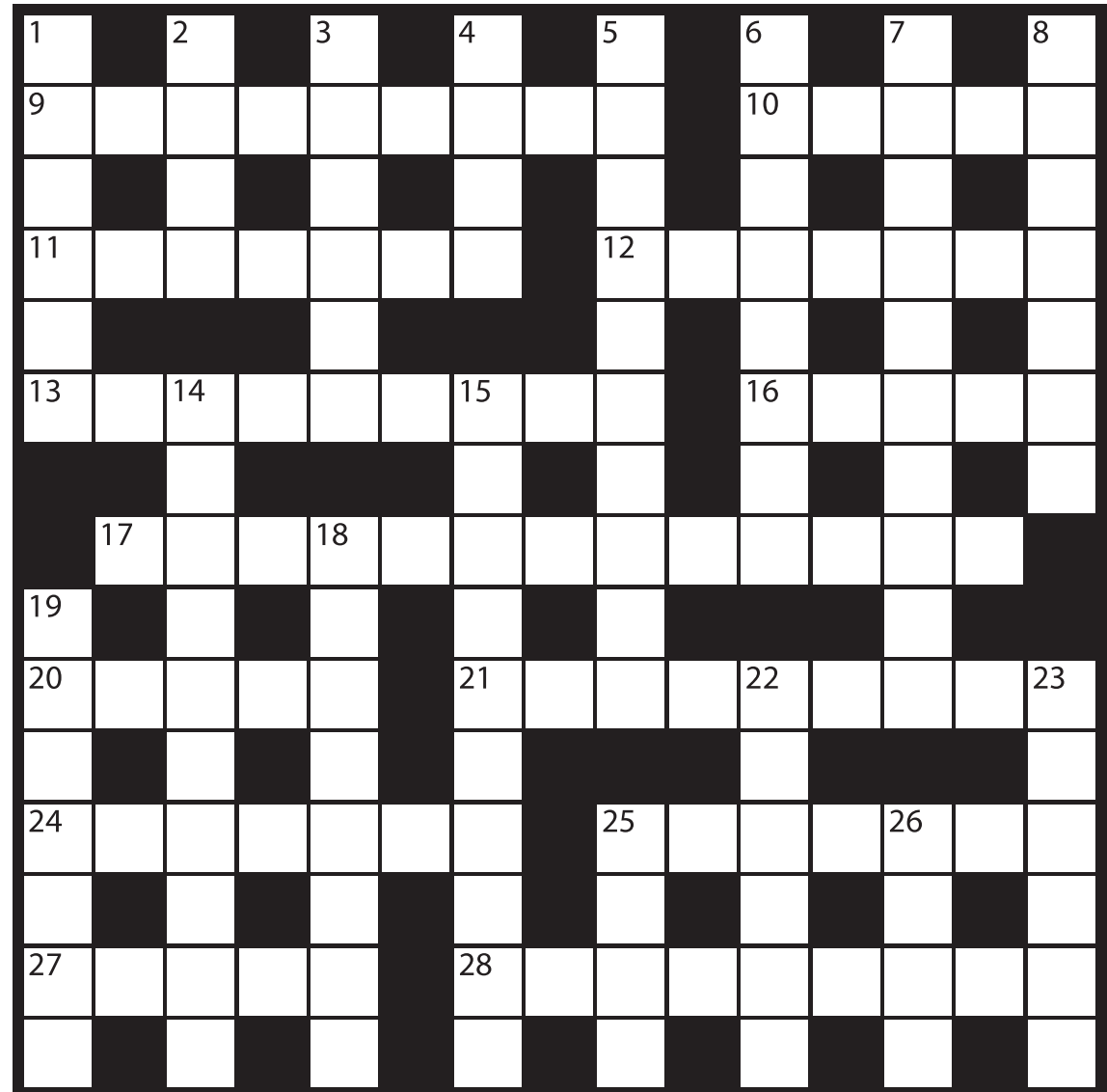
- 9 Say too much on California, perhaps (9)
 10 Severely criticise cook (5)
 11 Gun lad waves about one without enthusiasm (7)
 12 Diana has a lightweight plan (7)
 13 Criminal tennis player? (9)
 16 Not quite a compassionate person (5)
 17 Where one form of transport gives way to another (5,8)
 20 Girl beginning to test measurement of stone quality (5)
 21 Suitable career for the starry-eyed? (9)
 24 Twice as many with little time to get the jacket (7)
 25 Records the tennis match (7)
 27 I am personally joining the general confused fight (5)
 28 Dark horse gets an unpleasant vision (9)

DOWN

- 1 Something to put in the hair to make a big wave (6)
 2 Plant right in the low-lying land (4)
 3 Promise to give cover (6)
 4 Musicians prohibited, it's said (4)
 5 It will be painful for the inexperienced beginner (10)
 6 Quietly arrives and gives a sermon (8)
 7 Religious rite, nothing more, in California (10)
 8 Quality needed in the long run (7)
 14 Happy way to give a standing ovation? (10)
 15 Spelling is delightful (10)
 18 Former road tax journalist praised (8)

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- 19 School where girl eats cooked dace (7)
 22 Strangely, are not highly decorated (6)
 23 They are always agreeable to the boss (3-3)
 25 Drop round for some pudding (4)
 26 Turn pale and jump (4)