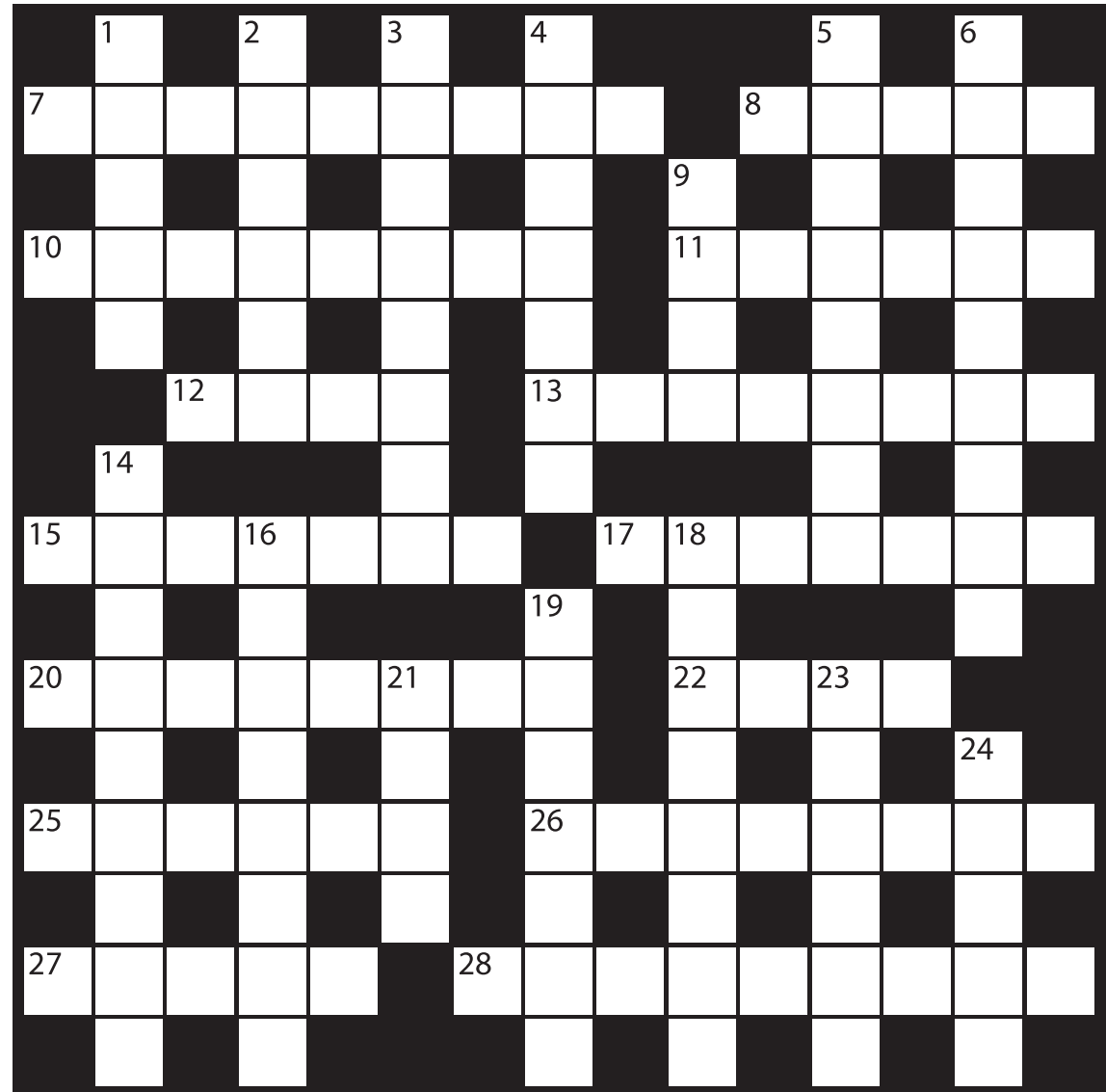


**ACROSS**

- 7 Love getting allowance after hassle (9)
- 8 Establish the kitty holds nothing (5)
- 10 I'm surrounded by royal stand-in and soldiers (8)
- 11 Trainee doctor in order, we hear (6)
- 12 Bug caught right in the jewel (4)
- 13 All things stemming from Eve's ruin (8)
- 15 Course set south in barren terrain (7)
- 17 Wager about hazard of getting a cut of meat (7)
- 20 Mexican hat grey, or back to front (8)
- 22 Plot calling for sound vision (4)
- 25 Has a hankering for stories about the east (6)
- 26 Older but confused and worried (8)
- 27 Boy appears before church magistrates (5)
- 28 Very good starting speed (5-4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Loafer left in dire mess (5)
- 2 Quietly lift up and express admiration (6)
- 3 Ship carries the right pennant (8)
- 4 Form's study expedition (7)
- 5 Stronghold in favour of extended lock (8)
- 6 Completely occupied modifying son's greed (9)
- 9 Short skirt seen in Miami nightclub (4)
- 14 One must take steps to make it work (9)
- 16 Take off from area assigned to underwater vessel (8)
- 18 Possibly press one for an answer (8)



- 19 Flirt's only holding back for breathing space (7)
- 21 English, say, is complicated, or simple (4)
- 23 Thanks given by poet for this garment (6)
- 24 Man throws hat around the moor (5)