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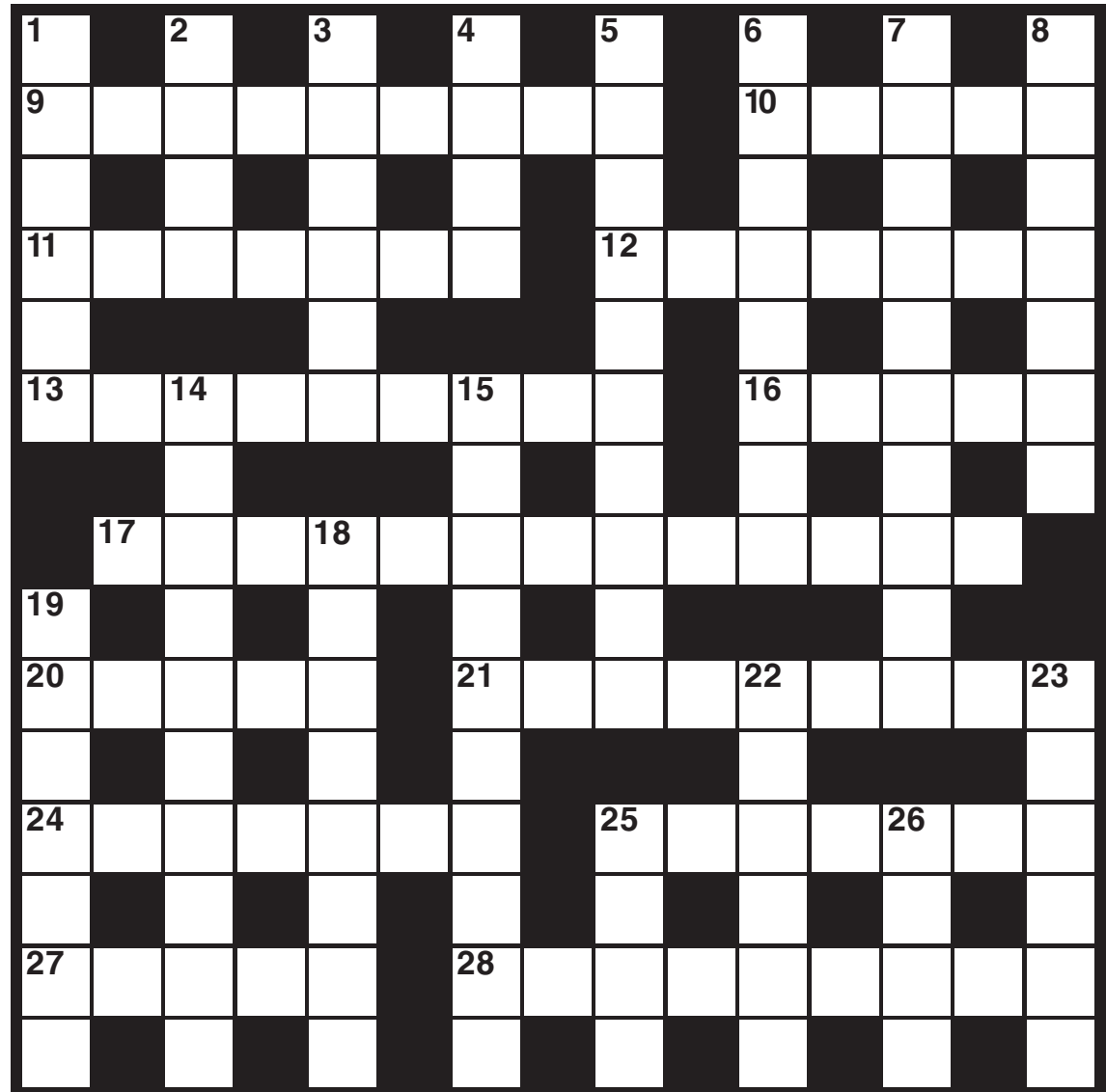
- 9 Poor Rex accepted payment for the funds (9)
10 Material used in dramatic repertoire (5)
11 50% served with notes of debt – it's grave (7)
12 The bridle strap, within that context (7)
13 Transport umpires in car (9)
16 For starters, orchestra's conductor teaches eight this musical piece (5)
17 Literary brush-off, project lies in tatters (9,4)
20 Lived in crude, backward time (5)
21 Tiredness affected the townsfolk (9)
24 Bert, say, unfortunately breaks faith (7)
25 Sweet affectionate insect (7)
27 Former law is correct (5)
28 English boy better at heart given shoulder decoration (9)

DOWN

- 1 Stops and relaxes after century (6)
2 Blemish on Southern transport (4)
3 Diversion of French trip (6)
4 Seabird goes up and comes down with more (4)
5 Wild August riot without cause (10)
6 Len chose wrong levels (8)
7 Uninspired walker (10)
8 Crucial to record central theme (7)
14 This time, when gifts given? (7-3)
15 Wanting to know about pastime Edward followed (10)
18 Passages from former pamphlets (8)
19 Wait up with the French items of food (7)

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- 22 Suspend fish on end of rod (6)
23 An easy catch for a model (6)
25 Stable youngster (4)
26 A lot wrong for counter-tenor (4)