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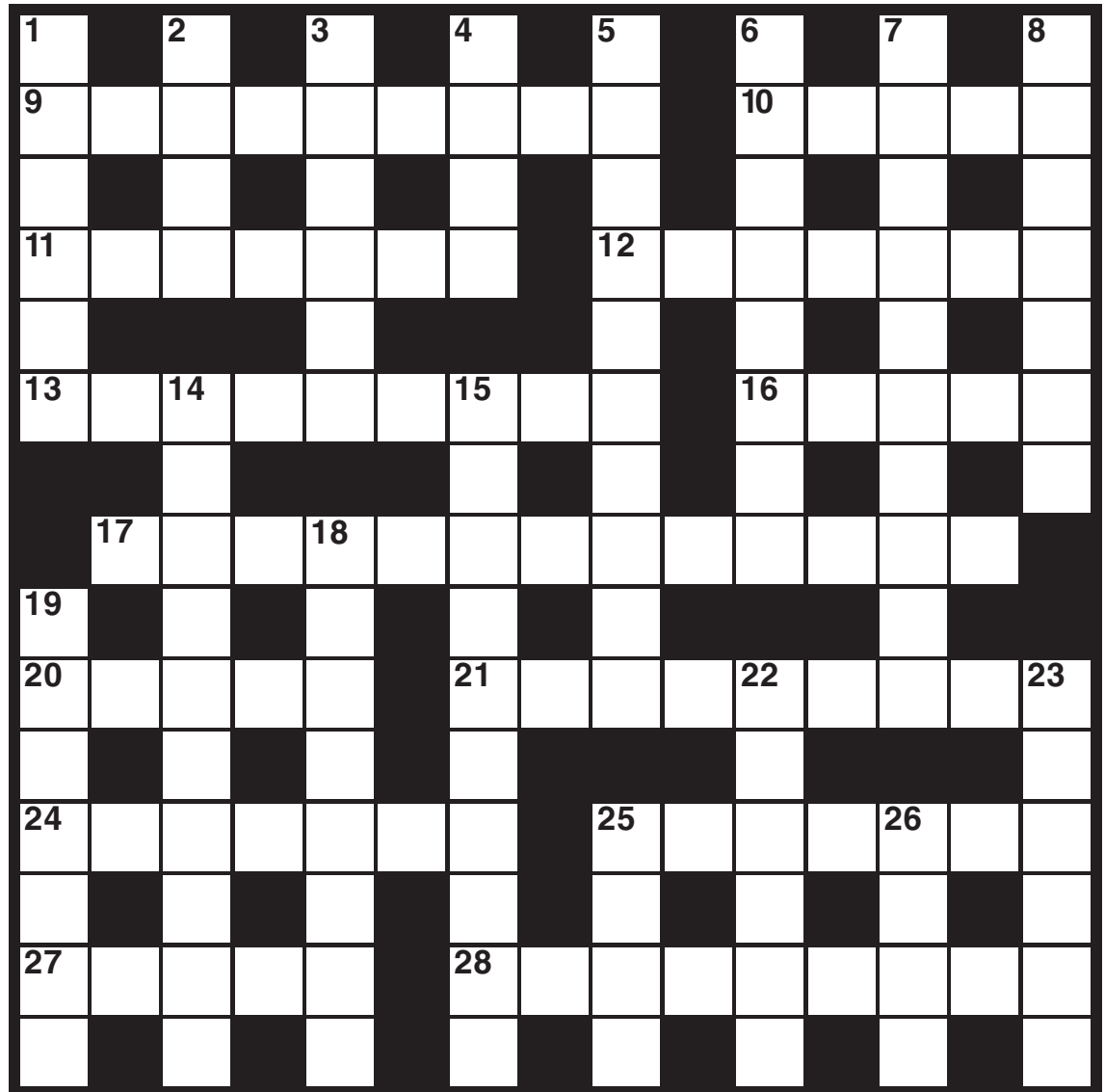
- 9 Play without preparation so fail this grade (5-4)
 10 Choose to give someone a seat (5)
 11 A builder, nearly crazy, can be heard (7)
 12 Lug each new listener's complaint (7)
 13 Clothing for the high life has room for diamonds (9)
 16 Several thousand in the river in France (5)
 17 I'm upsetting a lubber, keeping cheeky, but always calm (13)
 20 Bottle opener verbally trapped (5)
 21 Miner acts criminally, the villain (9)
 24 Unwanted soul dismissed players (7)
 25 Boor removed bloodsucker, say, it's automatic (7)
 27 Puts on ring held up by hairnet (5)
 28 The foreign politicians head off for domestic cover (9)

DOWN

- 1 Circles on traffic awards (6)
 2 Four notes getting on (4)
 3 Not rocking horse shelter (6)
 4 In this position, the woman's English (4)
 5 Commercial undertakings are exciting things (10)
 6 A banker's parlous state (8)
 7 Chap, me, cooking island dessert (5,5)
 8 More expensive and harder to climb (7)
 14 Regard maid arranging allowance (10)
 15 Sooner or later make lily mutate (10)

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- 18 Gemstones – new dealer's investing a thousand (8)
 19 Give approval to Red Nose performance (7)
 22 Strong public vehicle in the midst of decay (6)
 23 One marking as correct, say, showing heart (6)
 25 Cut of meat and drink, introduction to picnic (4)
 26 Fifty follow drink with duck (4)