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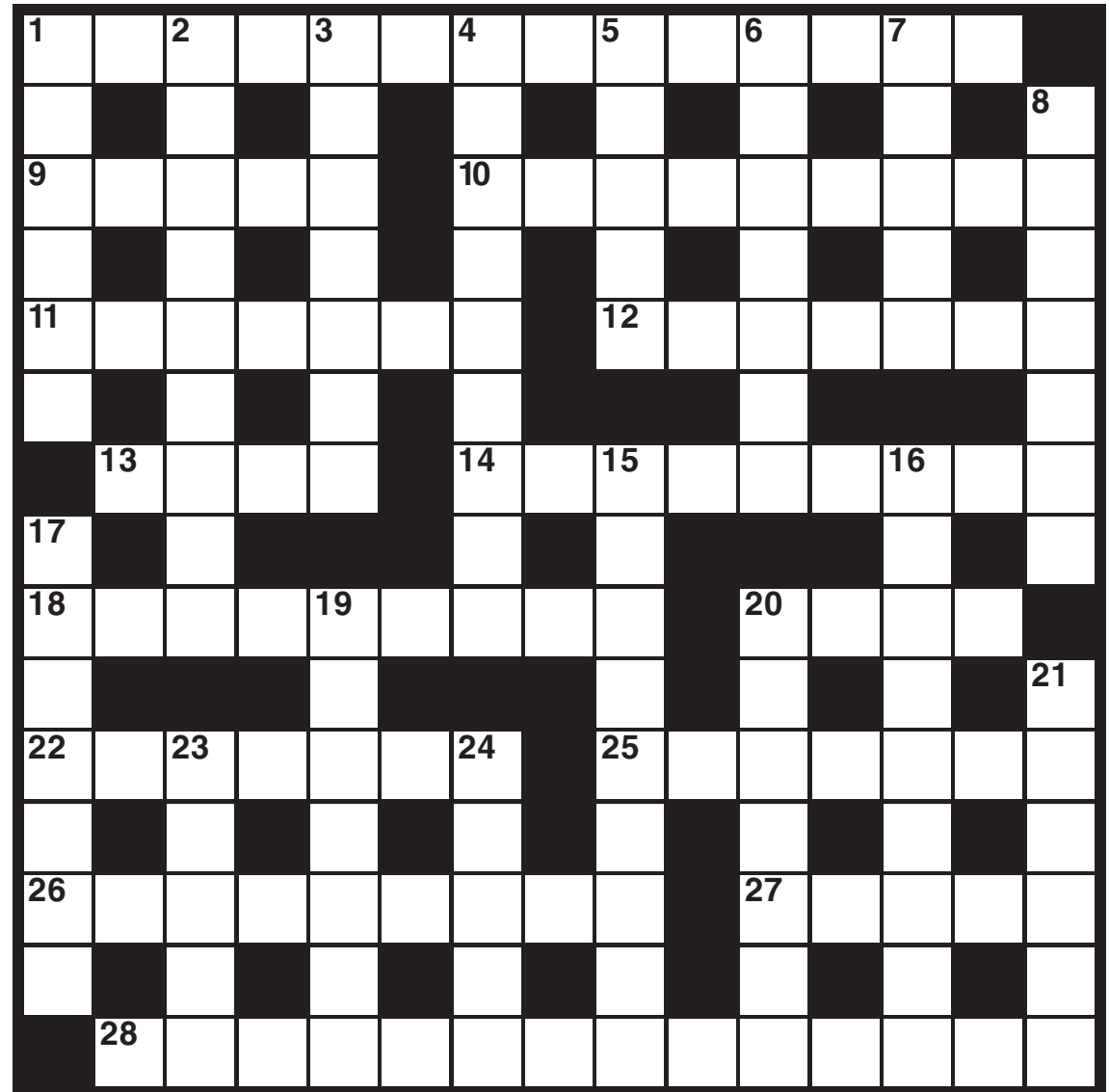
- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- 9 Collapse of trade is assessed (5)
- 10 Basically, Spanish girl wants change of scene (2,7)
- 11 Difficulty having left dress out during the afternoon (7)
- 12 Least comfortable boy soldier is French (7)
- 13 Twisted scar forms a curve (4)
- 14 Performance from foreign trio in den (9)
- 18 Sinners reviled so cruelly (4-5)
- 20 Spoken rule for wet weather (4)
- 22 Scrap with funny men in spout (7)
- 25 Praise or laud unduly before dinner-time, say (7)
- 26 Isn't organ transplant under strict control? (2,1,6)
- 27 Shakespeare character receives signal, it's said (5)
- 28 Scales in here for unofficial advisers (7,7)

DOWN

- 1 Band by street, ready to be picked (6)
- 2 Rip up root to make fragrant petals (3-6)
- 3 Free note with the French puzzles (7)
- 4 Mania for stewing cheese without slow cooker (4-5)
- 5 Pleasant entertaining eastern relative (5)
- 6 Returning, I take a long time with South African spear (7)
- 7 Vessel seen in choppy ocean (5)
- 8 Having a break while the others mix gin (7)
- 15 Unhappily coasting round lake, homesick (9)
- 16 Not an original take-off (9)
- 17 Journalist put shrub round indoor area (7)
- 19 Doctor with a staff shortage that's severe (7)

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- 20 Background talk of stalks (7)
- 21 Compel Letitia to include an airgun missile (6)
- 23 French girl outside a city (5)
- 24 Hackneyed ceremony following closure of parliament (5)