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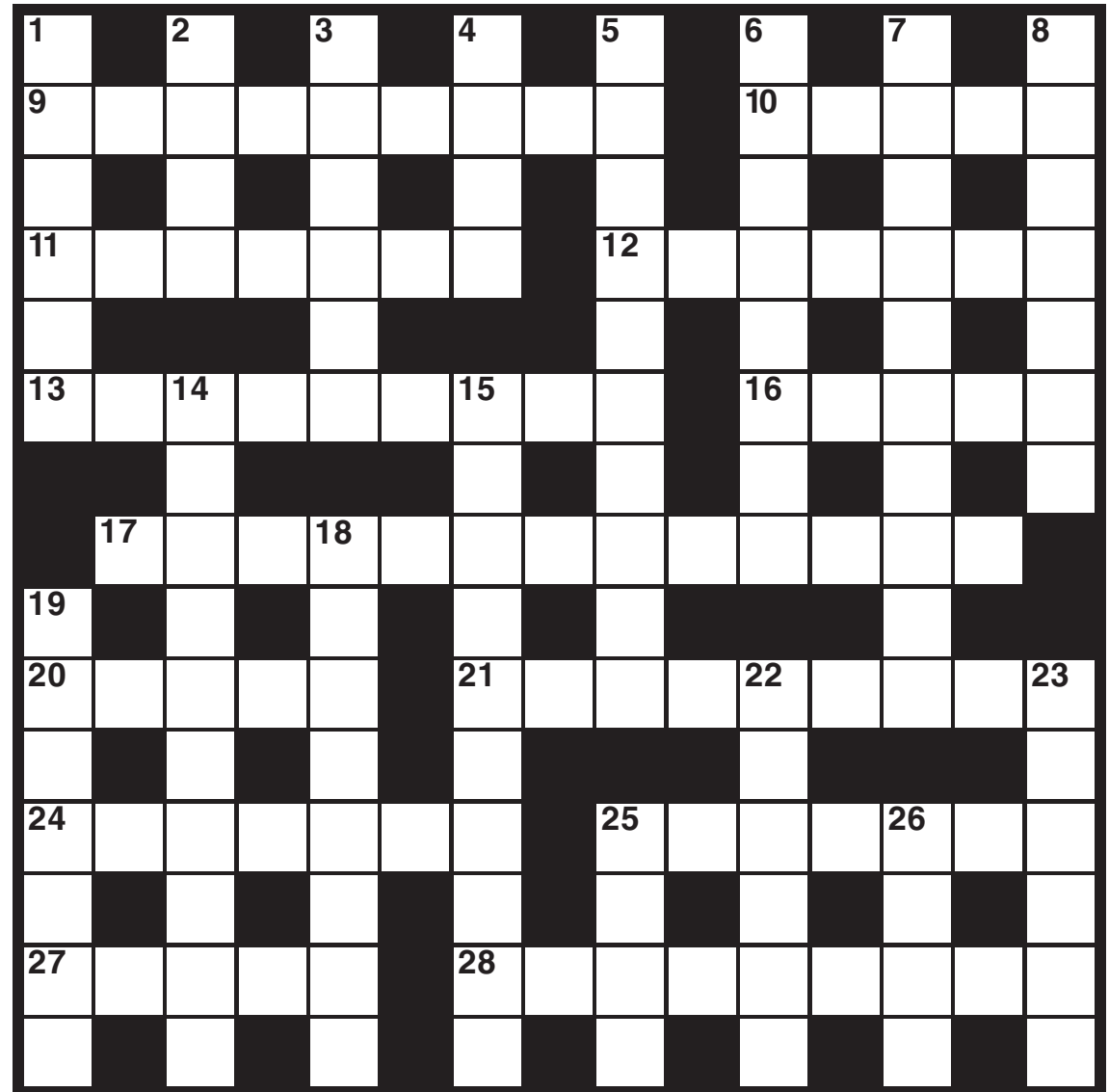
- 9 Clothing for the high life has room for diamonds (9)
 10 Nothing agreeable put aside (2,3)
 11 Try to entice at first (7)
 12 Tutor abandoned the race (7)
 13 Peewit yet to become an animated bird (6,3)
 16 Commerce lecture I skipped (5)
 17 Forecast disastrous operating cost (13)
 20 Unusually pale soft-centred fruit (5)
 21 Dire scene created at home (9)
 24 Direction to follow new manual for old girls (7)
 25 Anti-perspirant unnecessary,
 it's not a problem! (2,5)
 27 Reportedly watched part of play (5)
 28 Old boy's term for compulsive preoccupation (9)

DOWN

- 1 Part of Maria's lantern is at an angle (6)
 2 Animal at the centre, not east (4)
 3 Dreadful mirth about English recluse (6)
 4 Humorous target hit with the head (4)
 5 Weekday time in America for the Oscars (10)
 6 Italian movement of face, sentimental (8)
 7 Demoralise the sardine by cooking! (10)
 8 Listen to Kenneth, listen (7)
 14 Intensely delighted with unusual tapered urn (10)
 15 Landlord to support drunken rioter (10)
 18 Teenager brewed beverage (5,3)
 19 Badly ail, same uneasy feeling (7)
 22 To stop up among the planets is educational (6)

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- 23 Stretch old figure onto bed, finally (6)
 25 Points to good man's home (4)
 26 Great lake sounds spooky (4)