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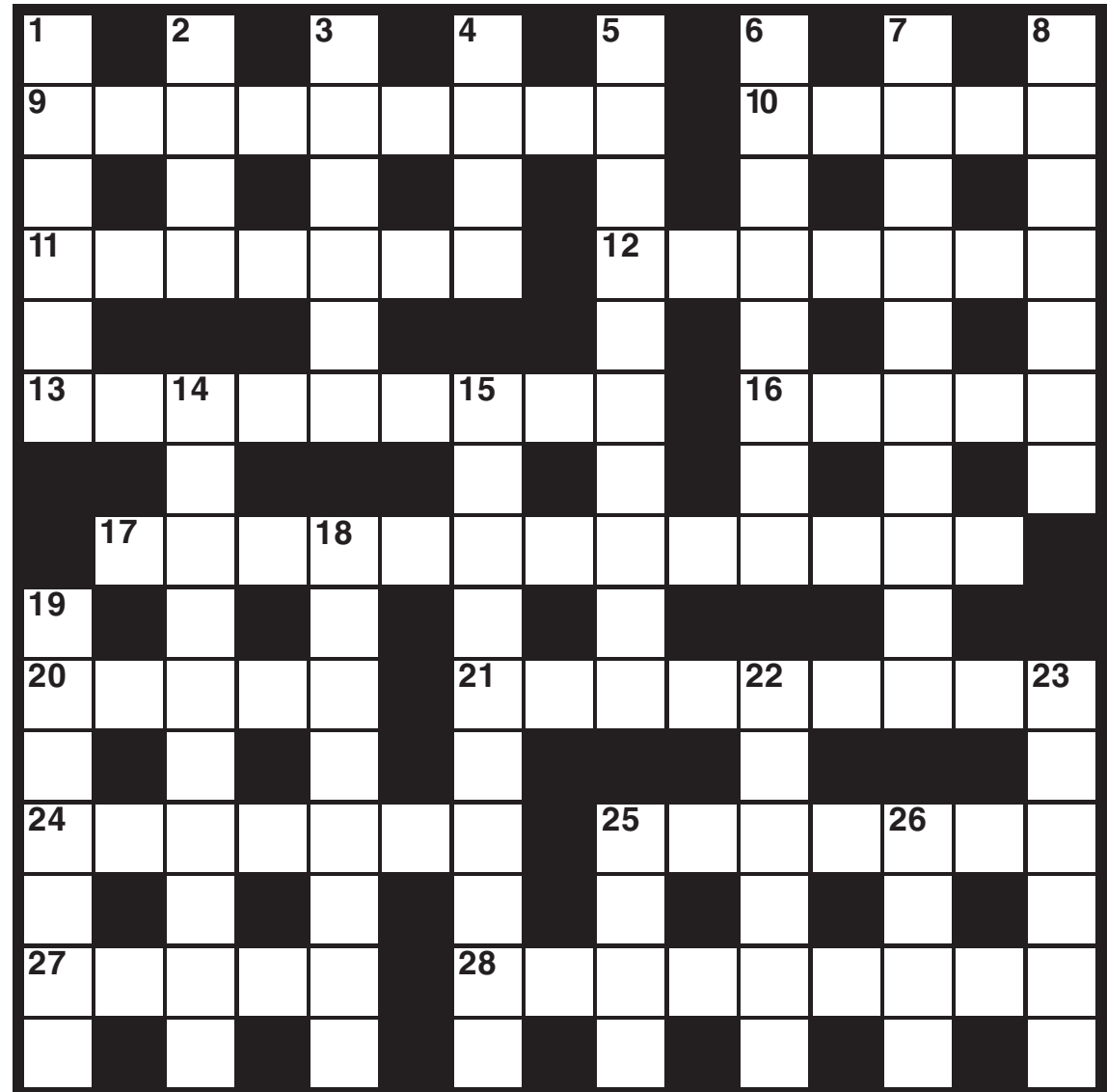
- 9 Is it a chop? Wrong, it's a type of nut (9)
 10 Member gets nothing for dance (5)
 11 Girl taking staple food is deadly sin (7)
 12 Collects and sorts out the rags (7)
 13 Nurse has a try at butter? (5-4)
 16 Animal loses head but makes a stand (5)
 17 Quibbling given largish pint — it spilt (4-9)
 20 Set to pinch regularly and long-suffering (5)
 21 French to go after gesture from soldier with a message (9)
 24 Runner William returned pan (7)
 25 Endorse company following swindle (7)
 27 Collect from a service (5)
 28 River boy like Big Brother? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Painful injury seen right in the country (6)
 2 Where Pakistan is part of the Bahamas, I assume! (4)
 3 Fabricate lie, say, without difficulty (6)
 4 Mum has one empty footwear item (4)
 5 Failing to recall gift got Ern sacked (10)
 6 I shall handle abuse (3-5)
 7 Cold soap Merlin lathered (10)
 8 To seek advice start talking with diplomat (7)
 14 Tide turning, no tail for Italian (10)
 15 Workplace generates hostility (10)
 18 Impulsive — but are not so destructive, we hear (8)

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- 19 In the normal way, USA twice turns left (2,5)
 22 Girl's taking in trainee to produce yearly records (6)
 23 Send back parent during split (6)
 25 Left below lower hood (4)
 26 One, twice see bird (4)