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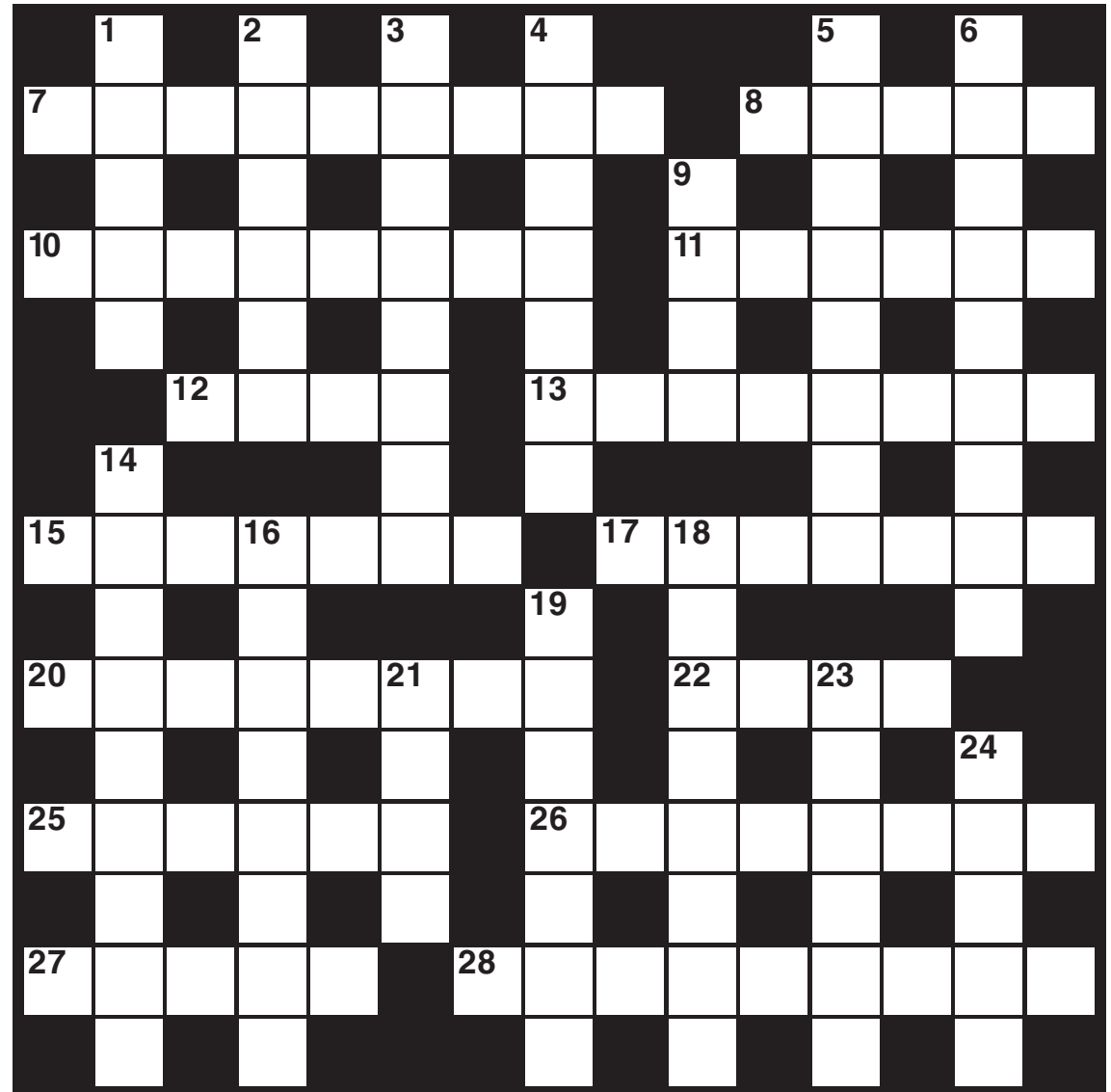
- 7 Cutting ditch with worker (9)
- 8 Outlet from which to talk at length (5)
- 10 Diana's terribly eager not to correspond (8)
- 11 Boat finding harbour, initially, in dark (6)
- 12 Gamble on a foreign letter (4)
- 13 To desire Heather is irritating (8)
- 15 One who reduces fare to better figure (7)
- 17 Dan isn't prepared to be deputy (5-2)
- 20 Unparalleled description of the Commons (8)
- 22 Government to feel sorry about trainee (4)
- 25 Easterner brought back to help in tavern (6)
- 26 Leaves a group with mixed-up son (8)
- 27 Good man to get on platform (5)
- 28 Votes for official cropped and destroyed (9)

DOWN

- 1 In the end, find right path (5)
- 2 Popular pal, prisoner (6)
- 3 Got share distributed, though it's not enough (8)
- 4 Figure embraced by girl, one feels (7)
- 5 Frank has scheme for type of office design (4-4)
- 6 A hit tune performed before a hundred – it's the real thing (9)
- 9 Lied about not working (4)
- 14 Take turns to change neat design (9)
- 16 Match – spoil one during storm (8)
- 18 Intimidate Mad Hatter in French (8)
- 19 Has made upset and embarrassed (7)

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21 Bird appears in another nest (4)

23 Left snake under steps (6)

24 Nasty affectation when catching knight (5)