

**ACROSS**

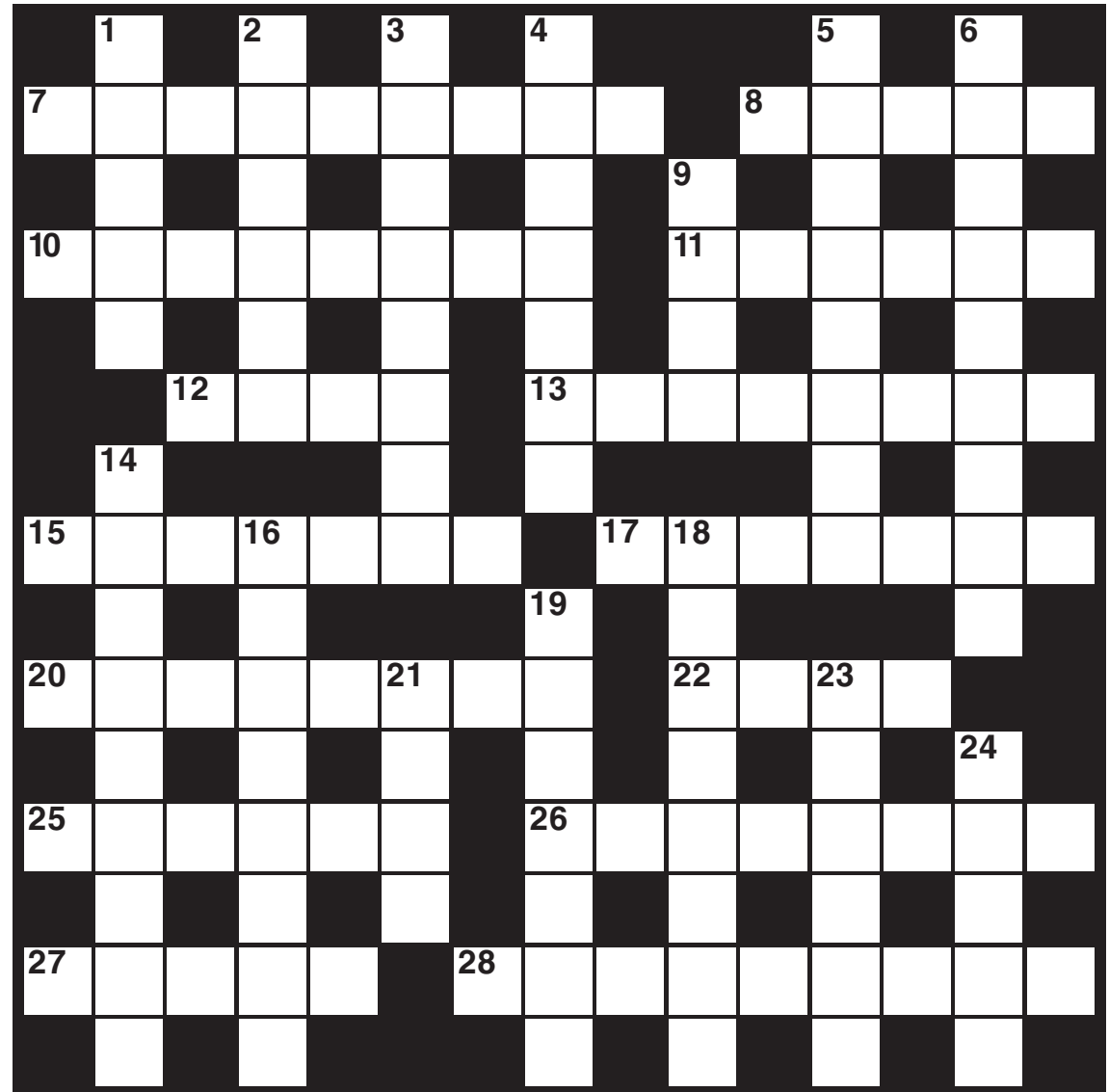
- 7 Overseer's instrument? (9)  
 8 A bin's turned into a sink (5)  
 10 Stolen part initially delayed for cooking appliance (8)  
 11 English flower festival (6)  
 12 Poet backward and gloomy (4)  
 13 Censure a large town for greed (8)  
 15 Belts or buckles give support (7)  
 17 A precious possession one is not bound to have (7)  
 20 Sticking on some point? (8)  
 22 Chances, but might they be evens? (4)  
 25 Pole restrained by moral relating to race (6)  
 26 Noel read about Mediterranean shrub (8)  
 27 Nuisance with old Italian sauce (5)  
 28 Weaken beneath the pit (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Store nothing in small department (5)  
 2 Breakfast for one in bed? (6)  
 3 Mix with Southern couple at first on the hike (8)  
 4 Seems likely answer – soft pieces of fruit (7)  
 5 Scream, as terrible slaughter (8)  
 6 Dieting so wildly could have an effect on it (9)  
 9 Turn pale and jump (4)  
 14 Coming back in to meet Tim, mocking those who run the society (9)  
 16 Do not move injured nag in the country (8)  
 18 Accessible once more, though no deeper, possibly (8)

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- 19 A piece of land is high and dry (7)  
 21 Move slowly through mountain chain (4)  
 23 Generator disrupting Monday (6)  
 24 Little change for the girl (5)