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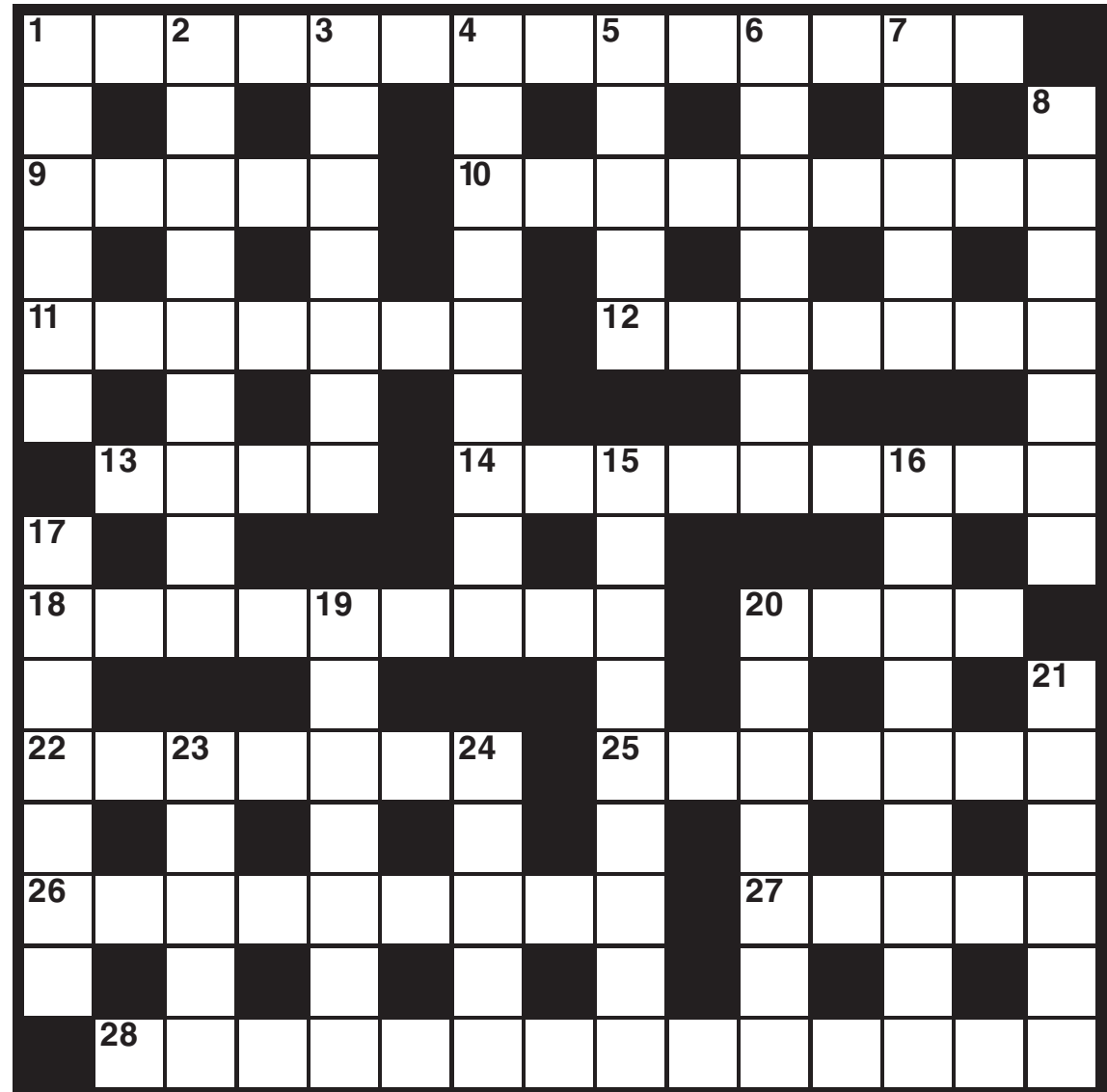
- 1 Main indicator is dropping a design, showing preference (14)
- 9 Apparently Richard concealed the poem (5)
- 10 New chairman harbours love for musical instrument (9)
- 11 Compete inside, get wind if carrying more weight (7)
- 12 Capital is large and sprawling (7)
- 13 Waste type hiding printing re-correction (4)
- 14 Lower layers of a cake returned after payments (9)
- 18 Disguised one new gearwheel on it the wrong way (9)
- 20 Annoys insects (4)
- 22 Drastic move putting fish in drink! (5-2)
- 25 Soundly beat counter when upset (7)
- 26 Unfashionable, but more able men's clothier (9)
- 27 Journey to the east is rubbish (5)
- 28 Alternatively, head north, not upset about ambassador (2,3,5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Penny in new Indian or old Greek city (6)
- 2 Cynical but right about wine in pouch (9)
- 3 Proof of purchase put back up in pot – piece retained (7)
- 4 I am harsh, I upset spiritual leader (9)
- 5 Woman who's not quite natural (5)
- 6 Notion, however, with tin-opener (7)
- 7 Fruit with duck, as it happens (5)
- 8 Get together with race official (7)
- 15 Flaming tool with odd bowl and light (9)
- 16 Spy captures rebel leader in a foreign country (9)
- 17 Girl and I on an assignment (7)

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- 19 Reg and I shy, perhaps – or quite dull? (7)
- 20 Rocket motor needs another injection (7)
- 21 Looked at the man left without a place to sleep (6)
- 23 One working on Chekhov, for one (5)
- 24 Some preoccupation to find paved area (5)