

**ACROSS**

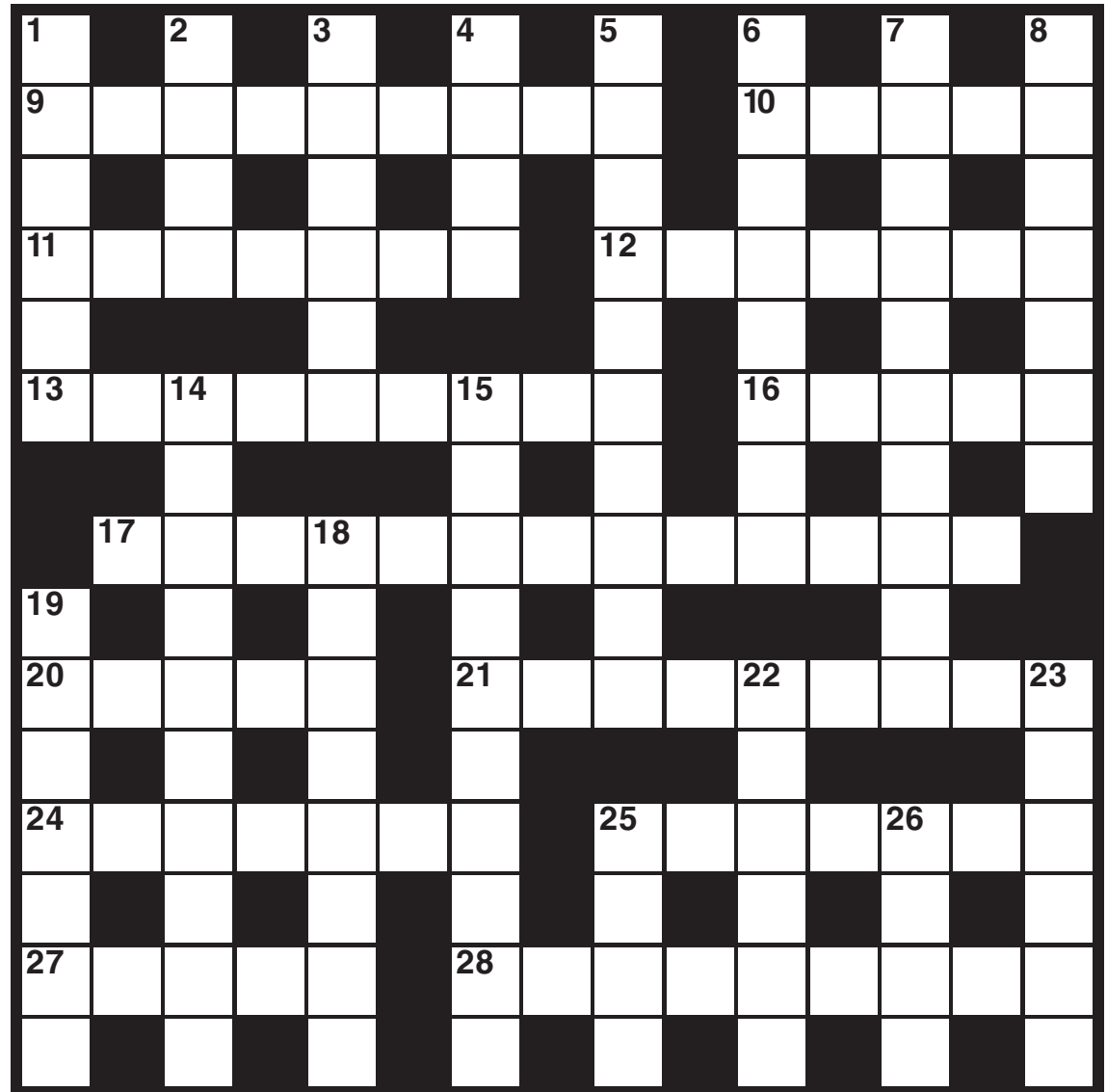
- 9 Where in France release mechanism is added to spar (9)  
 10 Peaceful time back inside the curtain (5)  
 11 Sticks the notices round this place (7)  
 12 Opera character has noisy meeting with a knight (7)  
 13 Epeeists' drama? (9)  
 16 Some example, a tuck – like this? (5)  
 17 I act out mime as revolver is able to reload (4-9)  
 20 Bachelor has article to cleanse (5)  
 21 Man present at the christening is criminal boss (9)  
 24 Involves hospital department, is unwell (7)  
 25 Horse is bipedal, strangely (7)  
 27 Sri Lankan built a milestone outside (5)  
 28 Sid learns about separated people (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bog artist surrounded by plant (6)  
 2 No opener to get score (4)  
 3 Draw colour in rows (6)  
 4 For instance, goes without core foodstuff (4)  
 5 More than fair description of the attractive and virtuous (6,4)  
 6 Work in Haiti difficult, after English country (8)  
 7 Sea creature sliced itself, perhaps, heading for home (10)  
 8 Crucial to record central theme (7)  
 14 Individually travelling to a matinee (3,2,1,4)  
 15 Shaken genius held by thug for outfit (6,4)  
 18 Blini Dee blended, unfit to eat (8)  
 19 Expresses disapproval of articles (7)

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22 Getting on some stage in Glasgow (6)

23 Most unrefined with, or without, leader! (6)

25 European stick (4)

26 Clever-sounding biblical character (4)