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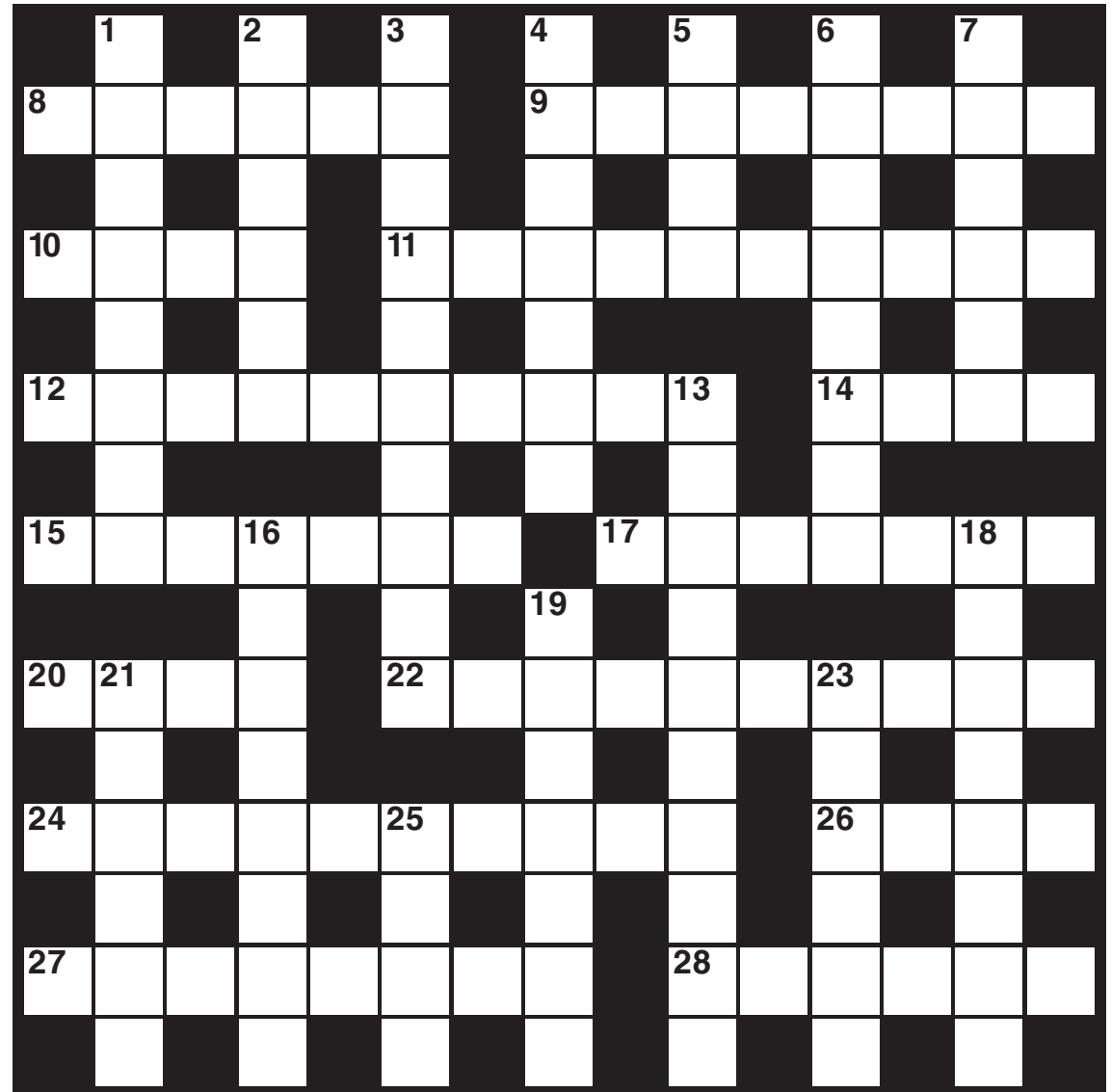
- 8 Part of wedding cake popular to eat, though smaller (6)
 9 Coteries possibly specialised (8)
 10 King and fool bond (4)
 11 Season, then turn over Chinese food (6,4)
 12 Our government is refining comedic art (10)
 14 Partly learning to make money (4)
 15 System of ten with medical problems (7)
 17 Ran back at speed to give account (7)
 20 Goddess exists twice (4)
 22 They hone instrument, amid dreadful sneers (10)
 24 On the subject of studying, absorb chapter with hesitation (10)
 26 Wander about in Cairo, ambling (4)
 27 Dip Roger prepared with oatmeal (8)
 28 Start with nothing, then fix home (6)

DOWN

- 1 Austrian envies carefree characters around Newcastle area (8)
 2 Getting out of cab, I stroll into restaurant (6)
 3 Angry or sad, curiously, at turning point (10)
 4 Hide confidential file, ultimately (7)
 5 Blue feathers (4)
 6 Try and try again? I agree! (4,4)
 7 Rudder takes two lefts in a row (6)
 13 Target pelican, go off to capture young, initially (4,6)
 16 Timid during rescue, unfortunately (8)

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- 18 Freshwater animal heading for protection within earth (8)
 19 Conservative has a wager about popular group of ministers (7)
 21 Boy grabs prize – that's accurate (4,2)
 23 Minor dictionary contains Scandinavian (6)
 25 Travel free over the East (4)