

## ACROSS

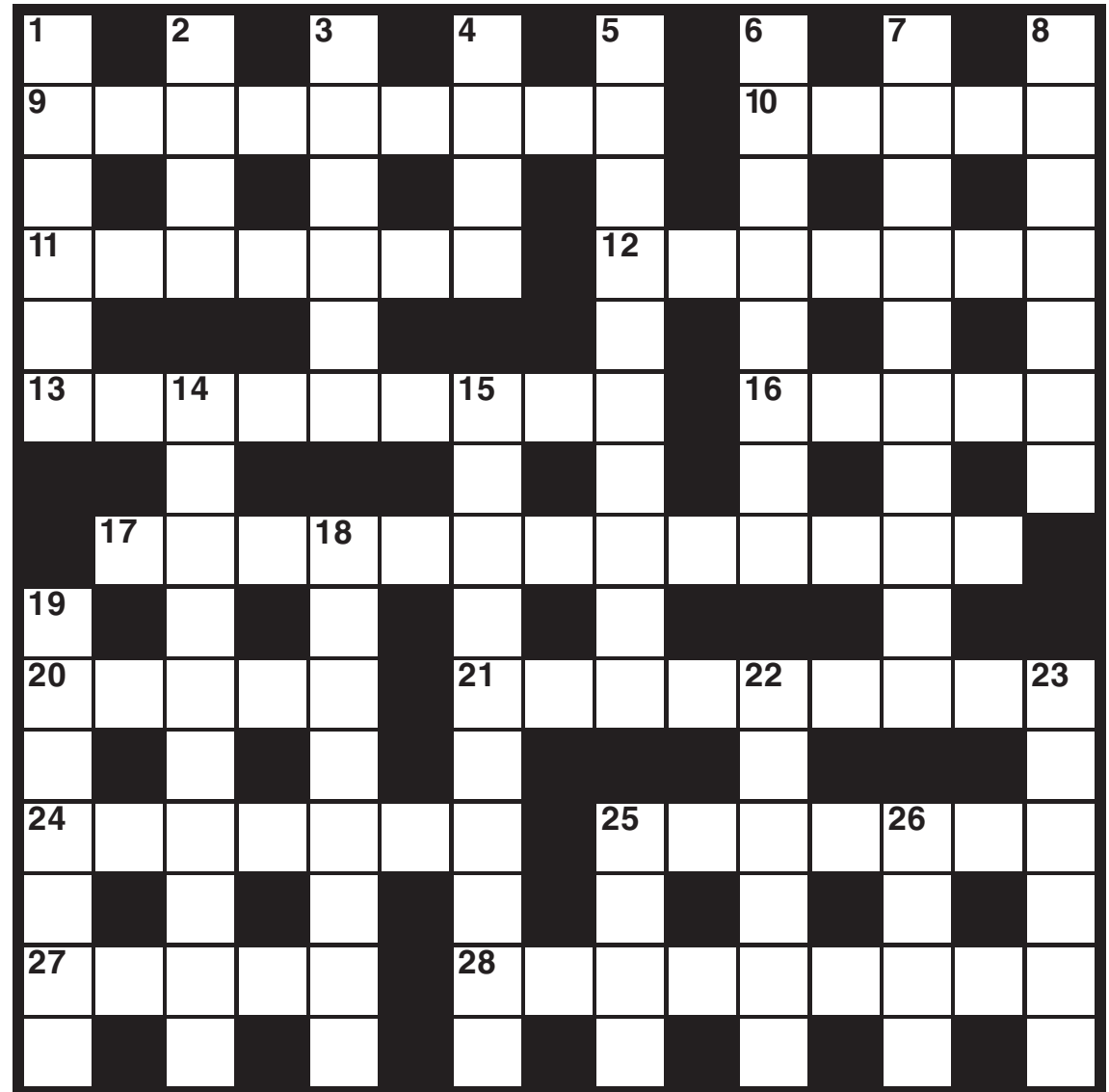
- 9 Vertical space for building rates will vary (9)
- 10 Respond over bill (5)
- 11 Australian mammal is chained, appallingly (7)
- 12 Musical piece two cats composed about duck (7)
- 13 Time lost cultivating European plant (9)
- 16 Buzzer on church tree (5)
- 17 Potentially good gardening writer? (7,6)
- 20 Insect – girl doesn't want one (5)
- 21 Seven? Else different time for such a break (9)
- 24 Almost last, possibly, or an unplaced horse (4-3)
- 25 Short and oddly conical (7)
- 27 Reel curls round (5)
- 28 Moon location includes a marksman (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Eastern power source listened to with respect (6)
- 2 Bathe in what used to be hot (4)
- 3 To do with weddings in a hybrid alliance (6)
- 4 Put one's money on a Greek character (4)
- 5 They're identical, nevertheless (3,3,4)
- 6 Critical remark made by reliable type with racket (8)
- 7 Very pale boy in never-ending booze-up (10)
- 8 Associate with European diplomatic worker (7)
- 14 Quiet work, ram inside to cease trading (4,2,4)
- 15 Offer head compassion (10)
- 18 With sarcasm, entertaining listener in a depressing way (8)
- 19 Make pure list in old school exam (7)

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- 22 Does well with slippery fish, catching ninety (6)
- 23 Power point – hit it hard, say (6)
- 25 Departed behind time (4)
- 26 Nothing is securing a tack (4)