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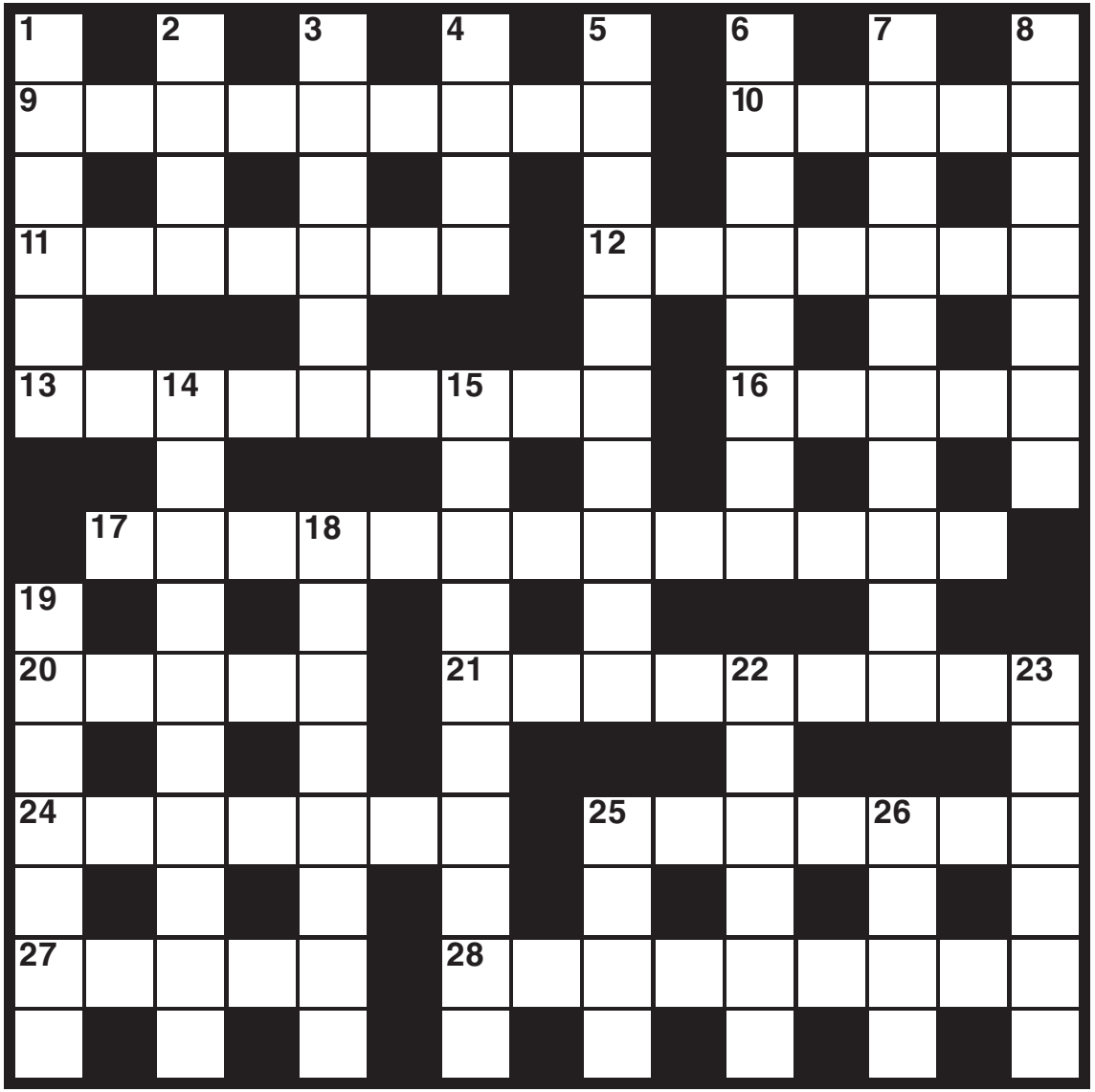

ACROSS

9 Like tough tasks assigned to Poirot? (9)
10 Major vessel passing through America or Tanzania (5)
11 No longer played the part as demanded (7)
12 Let go of soldiers' charter (7)
13 Most boring drunk I arrested (9)
16 One to distribute a model of perfection (5)
17 Need cash dispenser to hide painter enjoying another's woe (13)
20 Country located in Thai tideway (5)
21 Body's ability to endure cereal not processed (9)
24 Falls back on another occasion with artist (7)
25 Higher, having left Rio dancing! (7)
27 Not appropriate to sleep in it (5)
28 Bemoaning faulty alignment (9)

DOWN

1 Awful dearth in cotton (6)
2 Region in Australia? Really! (4)
3 It's our turn to be a plaintiff (6)
4 Lean towards nurse (4)
5 Showing no thanks for waving flag. Untrue! (10)
6 Manicurist's tool should fail badly in river (4-4)
7 Final conflict when dragon made off (10)
8 Before time, holding keys with much enthusiasm (7)
14 Distribute Chilean ads for Mexican food (10)
15 Happening to sort of turn to friend in the end (10)
18 Drink I'm not able to hide at Spanish airport (8)
19 Some rush indignantly to the knees-up (7)
22 Money back, though entertainment in colour (6)
23 Infuriate the East with terrible anger (6)
25 50 Amp source of illumination (4)
26 Crib is found to contain a bird (4)