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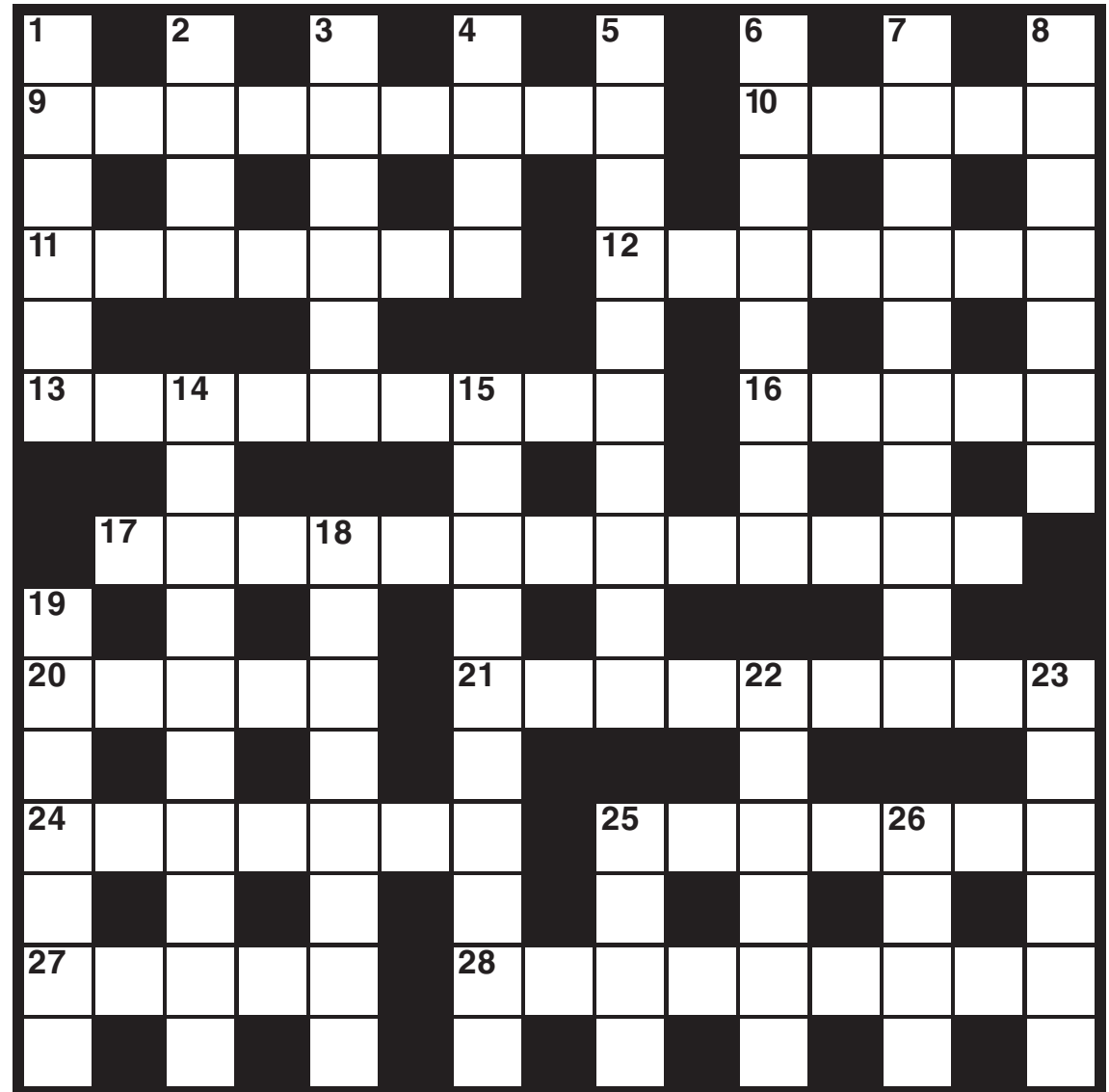
- 9 Abrasive beach journal? (9)
 10 Biscuit Earl regularly made cooler (5)
 11 Mouth made false true, say (7)
 12 Dramatist's story needs further coverage (7)
 13 State shop rebuilt with utmost speed (4-5)
 16 Rashly air question with one from Basra, perhaps (5)
 17 See tougher one made diverse in character (13)
 20 Some petrol in flames, almost glowing (5)
 21 First of eight-wheelers moving away (9)
 24 Mice she disturbed in the shirt (7)
 25 Heading off, cream too whipped in cafe (3,4)
 27 Scandinavian governor settled in (5)
 28 Magnificence of excellent loch (9)

DOWN

- 1 Snake gobbling fish up becomes unconscious (6)
 2 Part of army can turn below bend (4)
 3 Sensational news story produced by something hitting water? (6)
 4 Agile mole grabs otter's tail (4)
 5 They play noisily, right inside rotten tree stump (10)
 6 Ellis hid around slope (8)
 7 US low-fat - a truer sort of printed matter (10)
 8 Poison turns up in vaccines, randomly (7)
 14 Dear confection with a centre (10)
 15 Ancient monument gets shifted around one bird (10)
 18 Suspiciously regard cruise ship's make-up (8)

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- 19 Finding a home for piano with fancy finish (7)
 22 Break the law to acquire riches (6)
 23 Taken me shopping in trap (6)
 25 Row produces sign of sadness, we hear (4)
 26 Cricket period is finished (4)