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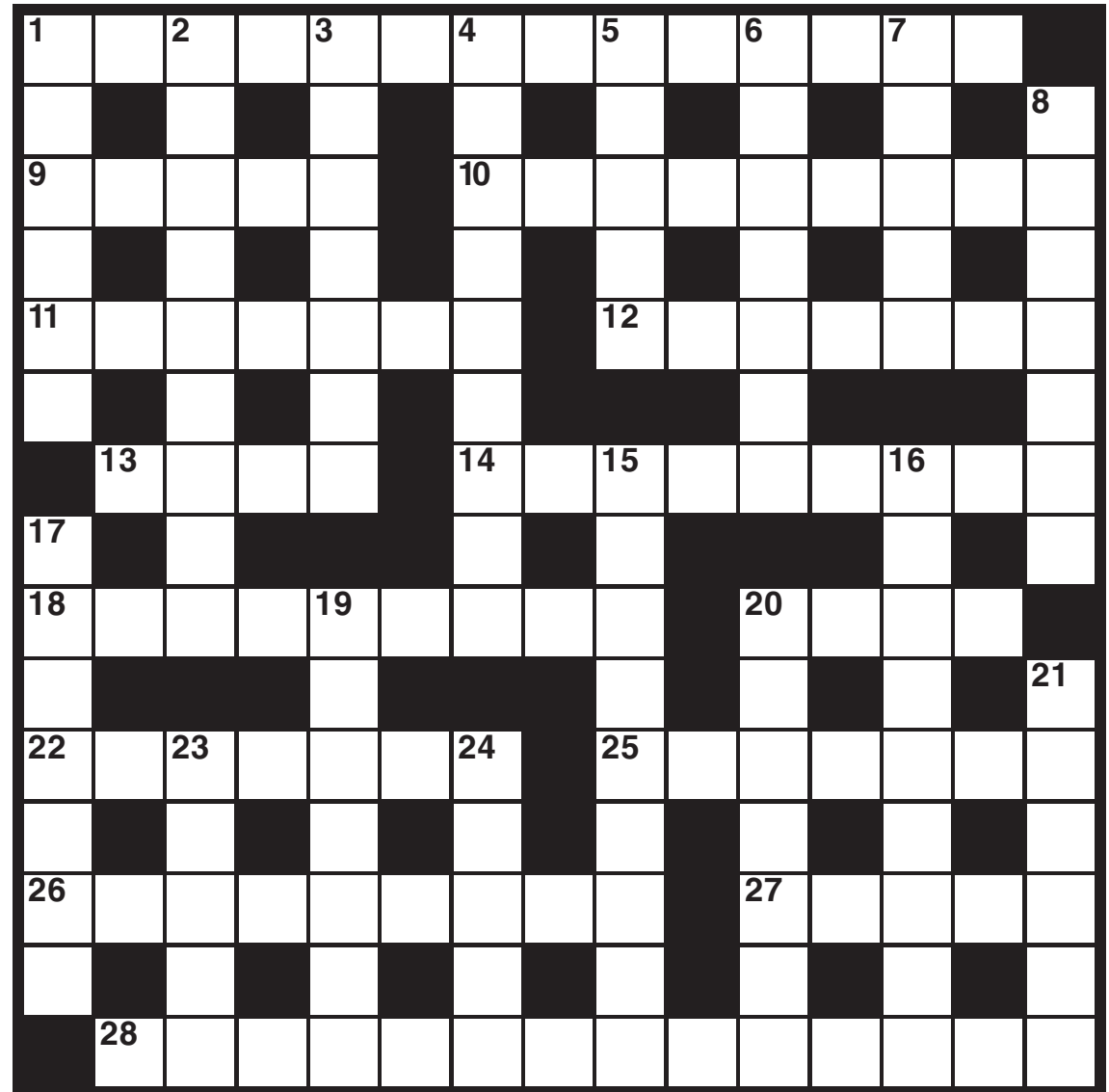
- 1 Spreaders with branches as cutlery (6,3,5)
 9 Atmospheric layer, Australian one (5)
 10 Eager aunt arranged security (9)
 11 Leave stranded one so delayed (7)
 12 Not one nor the other in there, perhaps (7)
 13 Common weapon left out (4)
 14 Furniture maker rested among the trees (9)
 18 One cherishing manager of funds (9)
 20 Not a serious quarrel but it turns very loud (4)
 22 Play the king? (7)
 25 Destroyer, for example, has quiet one in bow (7)
 26 Against another lot giving voice (9)
 27 Drink containing very soft fruit (5)
 28 Something to chew on? (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Nothing next to tree can be sent back as fine clay (6)
 2 In rodeo, wild eleven contained rust (4,5)
 3 Uplift by dancing veleta with energy (7)
 4 Garage Ross wrecked without a person attacking (9)
 5 Row involving painter's pipe (5)
 6 Eccentric too vain for applause (7)
 7 Not up to sauce boat (5)
 8 Lower the quality of aged red, shaken (7)
 15 Disconcerted, dismissed and evicted (6,3)
 16 Not made to measure how a croquet ball bounces? (3,3,3)

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- 17 Put up with most changes connected with a church (7)
 19 Cut through organ in the hut (7)
 20 Twister with rent trouble (7)
 21 Increase pulse and get optimistic (6)
 23 Part of poem, unfinished division (5)