

## ACROSS

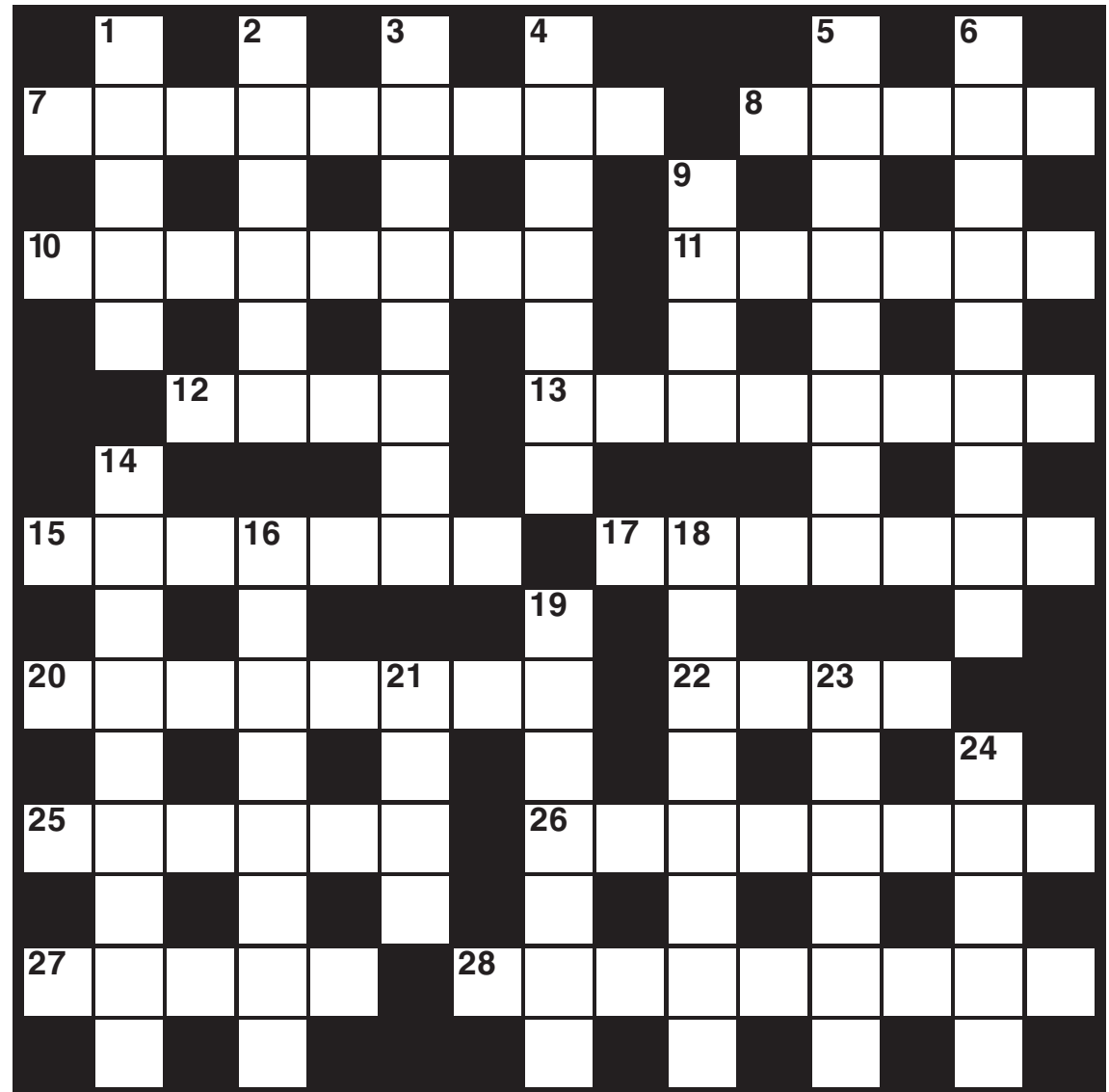
- 7 Eastern fashion in official list that's to be followed (4,5)  
8 Swift attack to capture Portuguese leader (5)  
10 Couple allowed to make jewellery (8)  
11 Hold up a picnic basket (6)  
12 Old car in a pile-up (4)  
13 No strike in bad year for the agent (8)  
15 Colour of blended clarets (7)  
17 Upmarket schoolboy collared? (7)  
20 High-pitched river battle (8)  
22 Regretted it sounds impolite (4)  
25 Incorporate sailor's sphere (6)  
26 Treading round a slope (8)  
27 Raise a glass to a good man (5)  
28 Recommendation of judge embracing new century (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Directors sound completely uninterested! (5)  
2 Save secure moves (6)  
3 Sudden failure of everything back in the wood (8)  
4 Dad holds point of quill (7)  
5 Spare man injured? Hard cheese! (8)  
6 Going by tube with some paper is wishful thinking (4,5)  
9 Asian sound of affinity (4)  
14 Where the pugilist might record his fights? (9)  
16 Possibly press one for the answer (8)

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- 18 Give warning of earth-shaking number (8)  
19 Dog hides among relatives (7)  
21 Instrument neighbour brought up (4)  
23 Former partner lied about being banished (6)  
24 Bag containing new fast food (5)