

## ACROSS

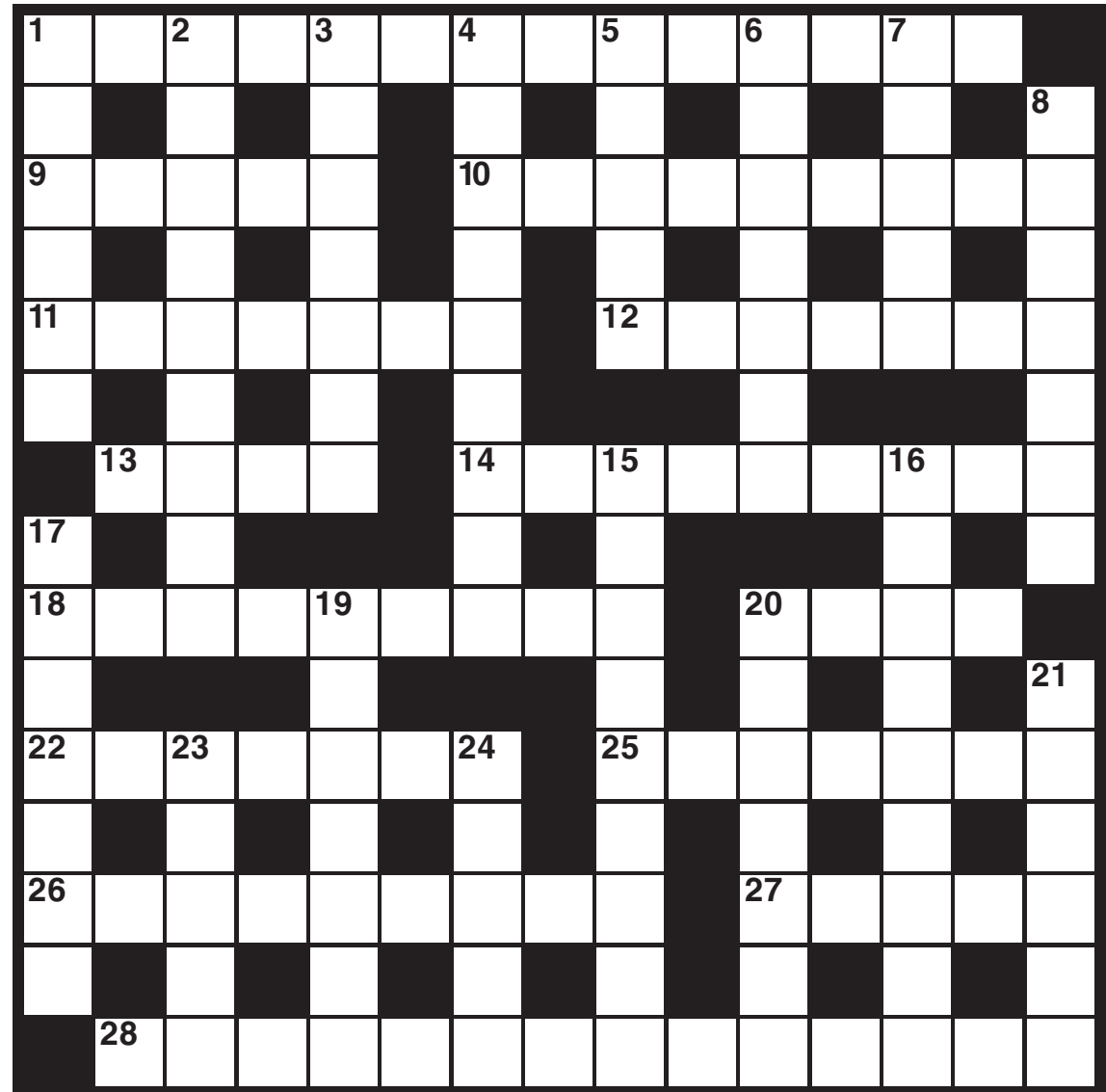
- 1 Tiddler's tail we cleansed with purified liquid (9,5)
- 9 Elegance shown by good people (5)
- 10 Put ethane compound to raise your stake (2,3,4)
- 11 Excel? Almost certainly on way through mountains (7)
- 12 A view of duck on the wing (7)
- 13 Back part of animal (4)
- 14 Substance for carving flower beside a small workshop (9)
- 18 Traveller after a trip to Saturn (9)
- 20 Is able to point to stick (4)
- 22 I mail it out to the civilian army (7)
- 25 Lettuce in paste and sugar (7)
- 26 Girl has an outing to paradise (7-2)
- 27 After a short time the ceremony becomes banal (5)
- 28 In Acapulco, a hot mixed breakfast food (4,2,8)

## DOWN

- 1 Take in shortened version of stories (6)
- 2 Self-raising aid fits trial outing (9)
- 3 Country dance I messed up around lake (7)
- 4 State that girl has embraced boy (9)
- 5 Bandit took some of the same again (5)
- 6 Camera I adapted for New World (7)
- 7 Lassitude of nine reformed characters outside university (5)
- 8 Money for singers, it's said (7)
- 15 Sign car diagram (9)
- 16 Sailor not worried about hairdressing (9)

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- 17 Reader of lines from hymn composer missing son (7)
- 19 Firm up label on figure (7)
- 20 One admitted to chopping up cactus cutting (7)
- 21 He is in finest order (6)
- 23 Animal at a shopping arcade returns (5)
- 24 Cease to be consumed by gold for so long (5)