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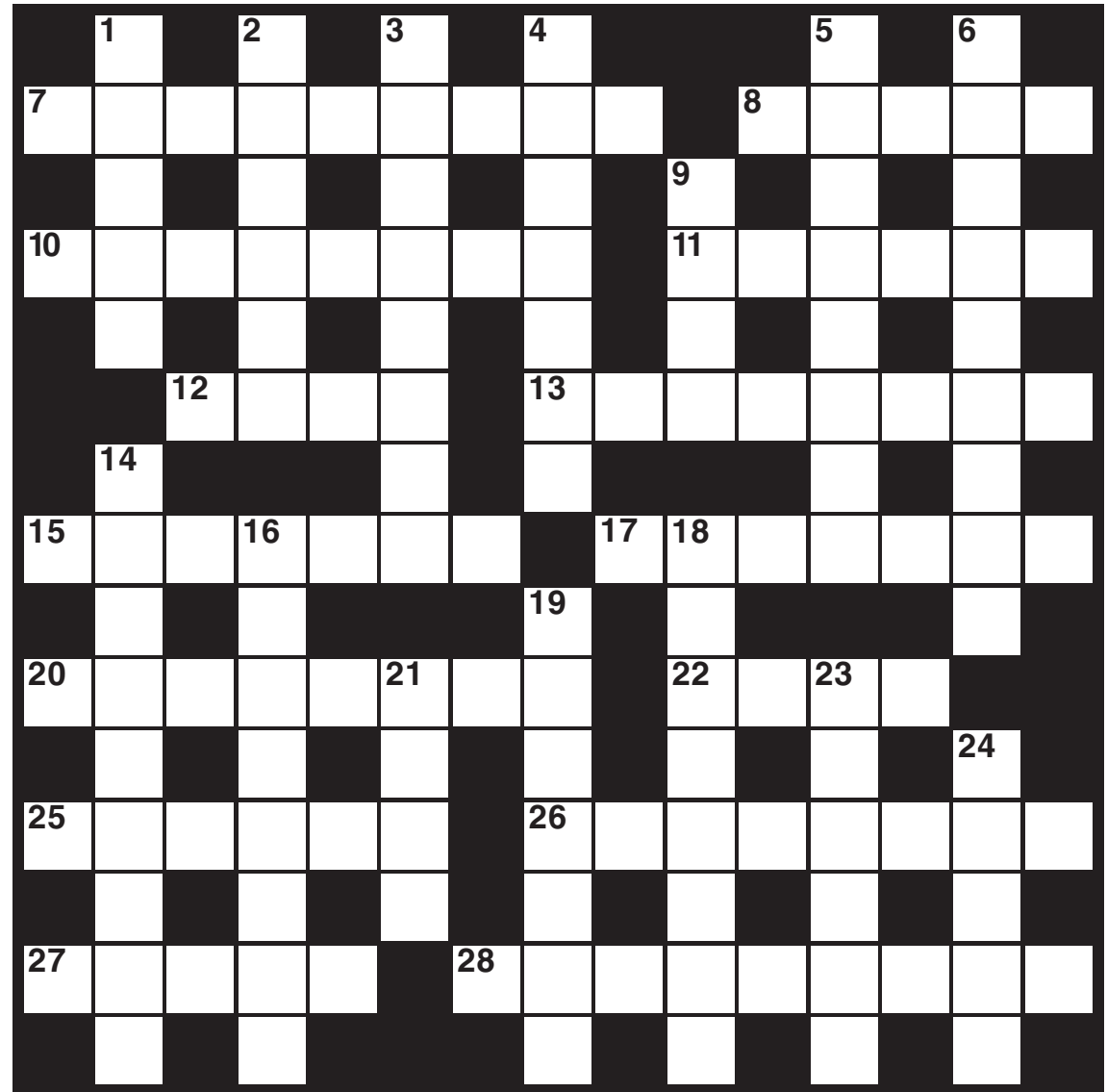
- 7 Envoy in red assigned to lesser work (9)
- 8 Caught with angling equipment and basket (5)
- 10 Muralist contrived to show selflessness (8)
- 11 Box for doughnuts featured historic city (6)
- 12 Swindle involving single copper (4)
- 13 Appreciated study involving odd lies (8)
- 15 I'm overseeing start of maths exam that's unethical (7)
- 17 Net deposit that's undesired (3,4)
- 20 Minor event left out of photographic screening (8)
- 22 Returning in haste, I decide to lose weight (4)
- 25 I had returned with underwear to take off (6)
- 26 Sad twist, with decline in business (8)
- 27 Present-bringer from featureless Antarctica (5)
- 28 Reserve cape following a chump's return (9)

DOWN

- 1 Cornish port was curtailed recently (5)
- 2 Wide or bizarre and eccentric person (6)
- 3 Crudely chained to a Spanish ranch (8)
- 4 Mend broken ship for Scandinavian country (7)
- 5 Gentle sound split inside when rudderless (8)
- 6 Recovery from trail ever winding (9)
- 9 Swimmer with a tailpiece (4)
- 14 Pragmatic claimer about to grab sleuth (9)
- 16 OTT melee broke dish (8)

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- 18 Potter to almost block timber (8)
- 19 Wrap up wife in seat (7)
- 21 Detest man at heart (4)
- 23 Range of some text enterprising (6)
- 24 The amount before deductions is 144 (5)