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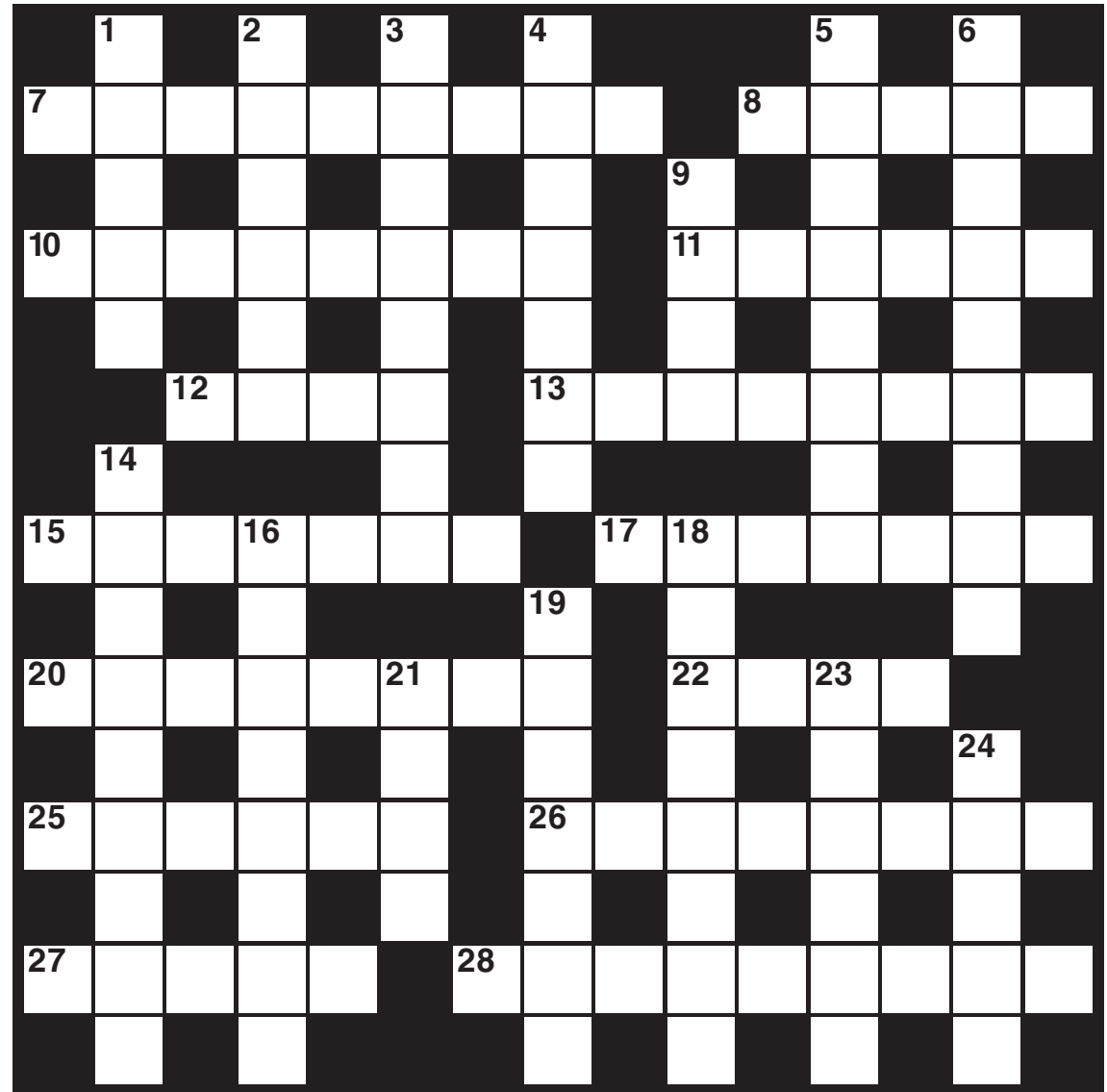
- 7 Shocking news – blows up nether regions! (9)
- 8 Number consumed, it's said (5)
- 10 Gore swirling in lake is not acidic (8)
- 11 Distributes thin papers with no heading (6)
- 12 Accomplishment sounds like some distance (4)
- 13 Easy raid arranged – quite likely (1,4,3)
- 15 Virginia has allowance for tramp (7)
- 17 A trashy sort of butt container (7)
- 20 Herb I start to cook approaching a church (8)
- 22 Turning indicators contain chemical substance (4)
- 25 Make tense finish (4,2)
- 26 Programme of building you'll hear (8)
- 27 Have no motive to hide malice (5)
- 28 Nurse has a try at butter? (5-4)

DOWN

- 1 Mat drawn with a lot of grease (5)
- 2 Erode support in Yemeni port, mostly (6)
- 3 Awful snitcher wet baby's head (8)
- 4 Regalia smashed in African country (7)
- 5 Girl almost exhausted and wasted (8)
- 6 Got rid of via speech on another ground (5,4)
- 9 Girl ain't misbehaving (4)
- 14 A sea trip's arranged for hangers-on (9)
- 16 Bit of bad weather, and prior to change (8)

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- 18 Harshly critical about careless chats over gin sling (8)
- 19 A striker, but one who doesn't like being out! (7)
- 21 Politician is about to see little devils (4)
- 23 One doing away with colour (6)
- 24 Uncle Arthur's partly free from blame (5)