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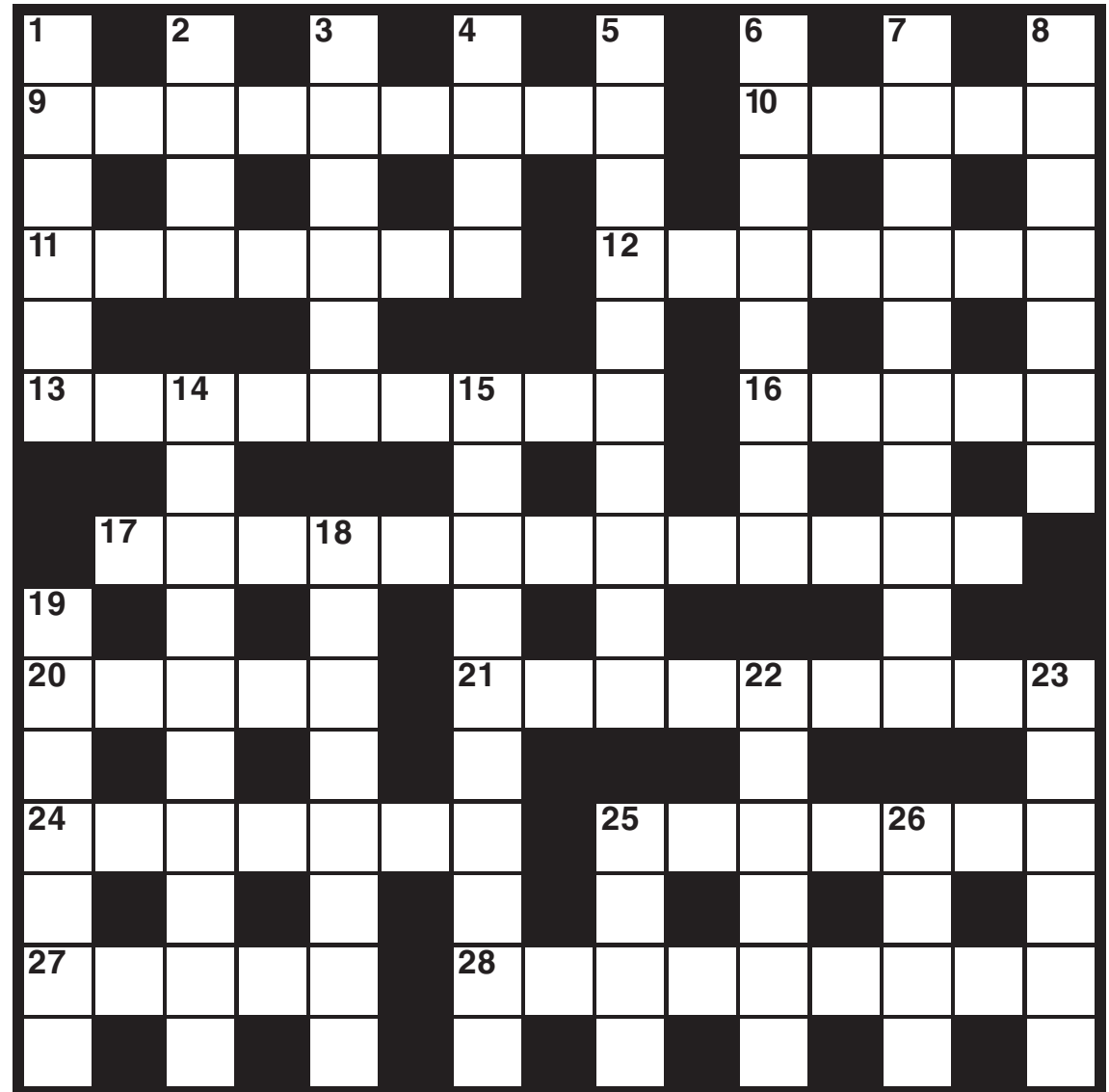
- 9 Statesmen's unreliable financial investigation (5,4)
 10 Reportedly save a great number of people (5)
 11 Inept, a graduate? True, curiously (7)
 12 Negative guard's heading off – keep out! (2,5)
 13 Large amount I made irregularly from TV, press etc (4,5)
 16 More promising when top's off tree (5)
 17 Cut corners, oil change is car refinement (6,7)
 20 Make a sudden thrust taking nothing from the living room (5)
 21 Novelist destroyed sonnets about wartime victory (9)
 24 Framework for training pear, including backlog (7)
 25 Little Diana's wrong to twist out of shape (7)
 27 Quietly improve ring (5)
 28 Liberal to relocate, upset about voting (9)

DOWN

- 1 Preserve lotion on extremes of eardrum (6)
 2 Parent has two personal assistants (4)
 3 Respect European encounters when returning (6)
 4 One who inherits helium and iridium (4)
 5 Self-contained shoe, single square inside (5-5)
 6 Rejected completely, say (5,3)
 7 Free guitar dodgily given to America (10)
 8 Tungsten found in crumbling Orkney city (3,4)
 14 Firmly held space here in a bank (10)
 15 A sort of diver, Ted is firmly established (4-6)
 18 Frozen diamonds beside English port (4,4)

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19 Spills drinks on edge (4-3)

22 Substitute keepers at zoo enclosure (6)

23 Weed getting to annoy (6)

25 Performing pair owed tax capital (4)

26 Great rain half on vegetable (4)