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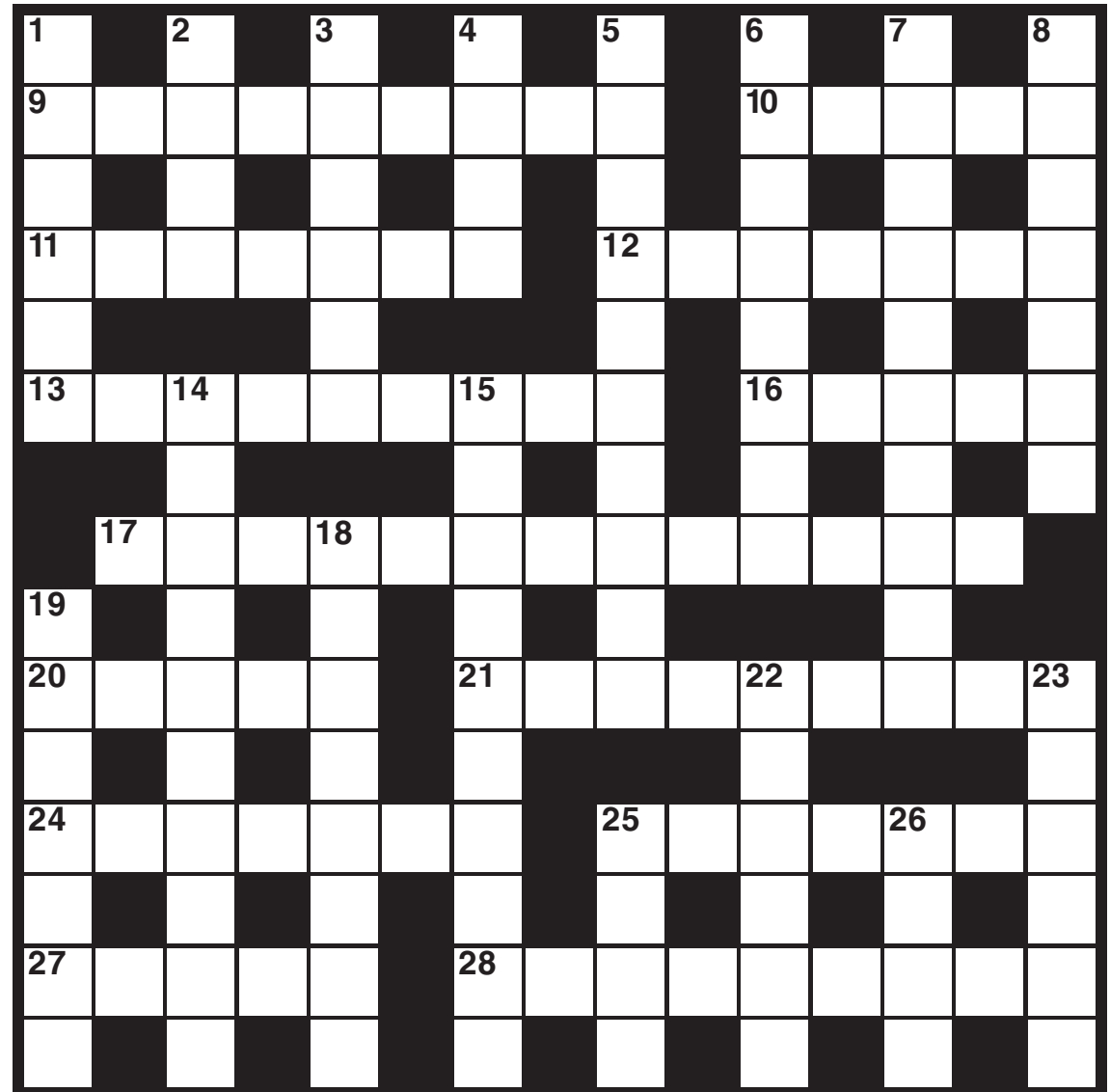
- 9 Coming to river for risky exploit (9)
 10 Odd and tangled saying (5)
 11 Surround black geese flying round island (7)
 12 Industrial bigwig organises management without workforce (7)
 13 Cornwall-based chef makes nice skirt! (4,5)
 16 Bury in part of hinterland (5)
 17 Palm off that handle elsewhere (4,2,3,4)
 20 Mid-sentence mark for butterfly (5)
 21 Deliberately oppose run-making (2,7)
 24 Two sections of extra role (3,4)
 25 Not skating with right administrator (7)
 27 Staff conceal a French circular (5)
 28 Compensates, and changes gear (9)

DOWN

- 1 Slight curve of part of train containing medal (6)
 2 Frenchman is OK when victory's held (4)
 3 Infuriates Scottish football team, but not initially (6)
 4 Guy expected to hide diamonds (4)
 5 Author's trendy handwriting (10)
 6 Left suffering and become depressed (8)
 7 Placed on a nation's US city (3,7)
 8 Back bar has rowdy if hollow merriment (7)
 14 Distressing change to a musical (10)
 15 Knight has new try for fee without insolence (10)
 18 Bad day cadet leaves for a drink in here (3,5)

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- 19 Lettuce that can damage a steamer? (7)
 22 Instinctive response of engineer when receiving cable (6)
 23 Going out when second French boy returns (6)
 25 Leading outlaws don't deserve second chances (4)
 26 Mathematical function of a weapon (4)