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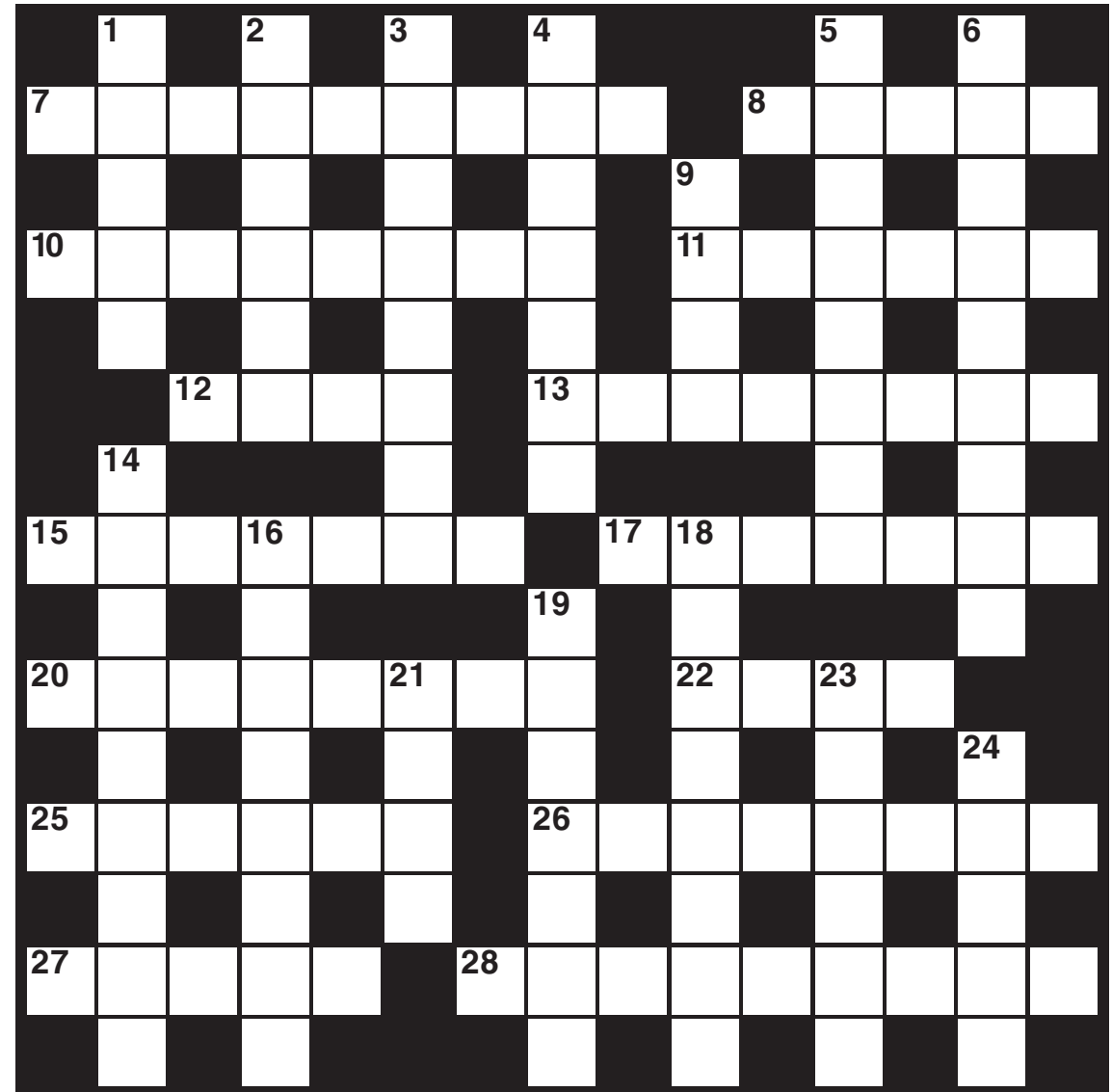
- 7 Depiction of beam in door (9)
- 8 Bacteria found right inside stones (5)
- 10 The others come down and hold (8)
- 11 Female warrior, the South American flower (6)
- 12 Some East Italian wine (4)
- 13 Step up in case badly behind time (8)
- 15 Hat contains large fish (7)
- 17 Cool van travelling to hot mountain (7)
- 20 Way to assess is not extreme (8)
- 22 Stored by android, each thought (4)
- 25 Cared madly about a shopping gallery (6)
- 26 A couple of legal terms, one required to get packing! (8)
- 27 Left in sacred bush (5)
- 28 Carelessly bake, never stay level (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Twelve work at Buddhist faith (5)
- 2 Social position shown by university in data (6)
- 3 Standard – a place for a sponger (8)
- 4 Playwright Harold pens article for artist (7)
- 5 Bumped into famous Liverpudlian who's turned shiny (8)
- 6 Bring in from abroad social worker of great significance (9)
- 9 Fine stuff seen in capital city (4)
- 14 Reject opportunity to find adequate space to work in (5-4)
- 16 Easily influenced having the last word accomplished (8)

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18 First love gets a girl in trouble (8)

19 Break rules, ie, for time off (7)

21 Top monkey gets cross (4)

23 Town given half of Bible book (6)

24 Escort you, me and the woman (5)