

**ACROSS**

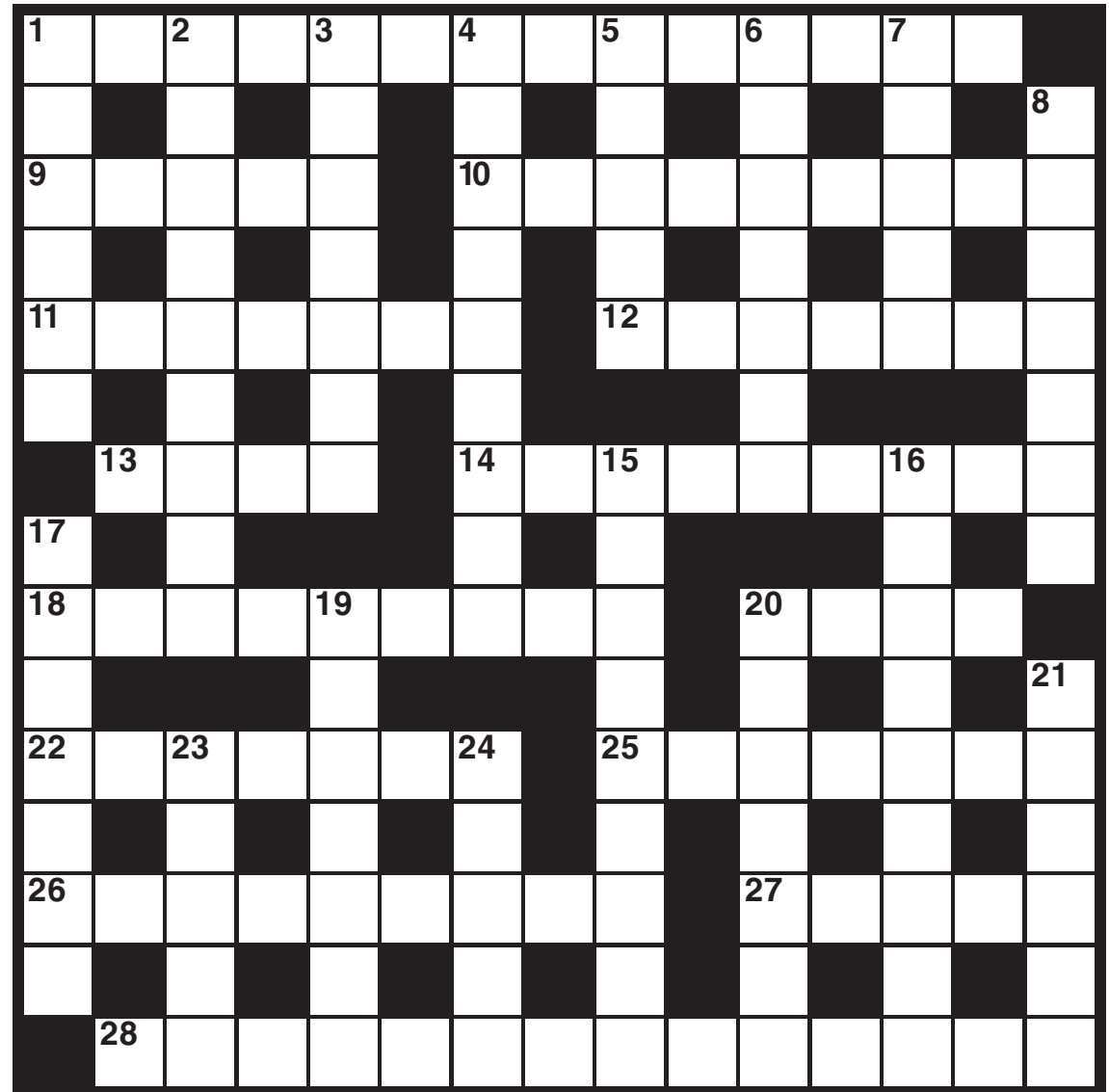
- 1 Sadly, rocks delay colonists (14)
- 9 Drum roll started after boat capsized (5)
- 10 Explain another reprint ,À and in French (9)
- 11 City vehicle - note, one very loud (7)
- 12 Muslim land with some anthem I rated (7)
- 13 A hut rebuilt in American state (4)
- 14 Worker performing well on grass (9)
- 18 Come across election worker after given directions (9)
- 20 Others take some relaxation (4)
- 22 Brawl journalist only just got through (7)
- 25 Rip around top of golf peg by plant (3,4)
- 26 Sue's lover upset us (9)
- 27 Relaxes with noisy gods (5)
- 28 Infantryman in red gear, possibly, taking cover (9,5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Identify investigator I have briefly left (6)
- 2 Hedonistic one, absorbed by awfully scary bit (9)
- 3 Go north with relish, not large but monstrous (7)
- 4 Hide stone - here's Scrooge! (9)
- 5 Nimble and somewhat graceful ,À it helps (5)
- 6 Row about stray dog (7)
- 7 Grub found in circular vase (5)
- 8 Best set table held up as gives evidence (7)
- 15 Sample free toast, perhaps (9)
- 16 European country takes a learner in to another country (9)
- 17 Sounds reflected round small get-together (7)

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- 19 Many arrange meet-up at noon (7)
- 20 Corn spike in circle, growing (7)
- 21 Made fun of model then let up (6)
- 23 Exist in Rolls Royce, that's more uncommon (5)
- 24 Boy and daughter, very keen (5)