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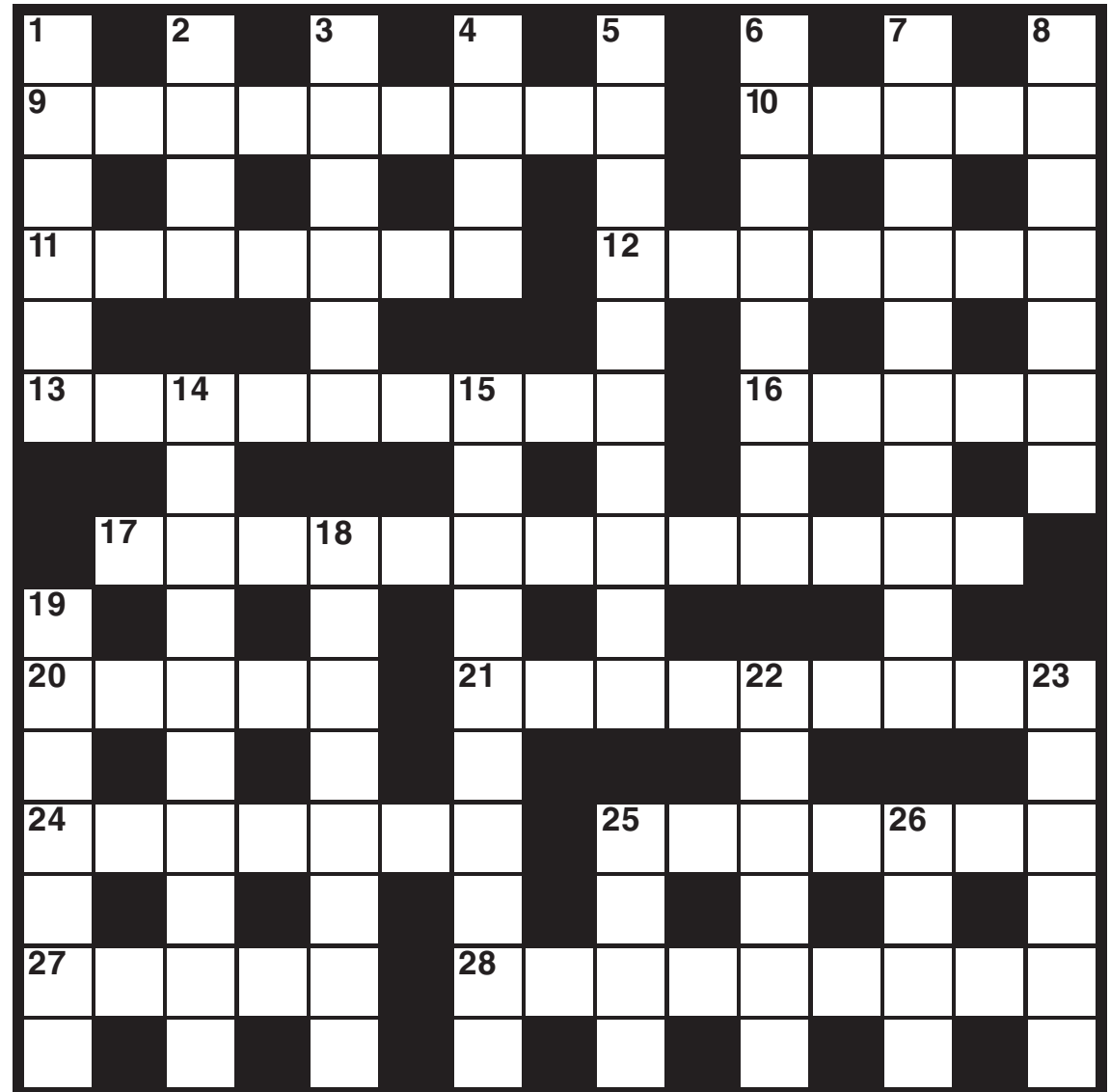
- 9 I can order spicy flavouring (9)
 10 Improvised solo, key not fixed (5)
 11 Collier has a pound for type of water (7)
 12 Tried to attract unusual cod - true! (7)
 13 I am not late to join units spontaneously (9)
 16 Where to put chalk at the right moment (2,3)
 17 One name seen in group without doubt (13)
 20 Composer's sound inventory (5)
 21 Performance from foreign trio in den (9)
 24 A main road? (3,4)
 25 Continue stubbornly when person's in trouble (5,2)
 27 Watchful, yet perplexed later (5)
 28 Finished plan for financial arrangement (9)

DOWN

- 1 I will follow the rascal with the prawns (6)
 2 One hastened to land (4)
 3 Perm I had or messy arrangement (6)
 4 Hero lost after wedding vow (4)
 5 Neurotic pa organised safety measure (10)
 6 Viewer's complaint after Gaul's downfall - prolonged sleep (8)
 7 Bishop is excessive with one chamber and one artist (10)
 8 Annoys those on the floor in December? (7)
 14 Fruit one placed initially in outhouse goes awry (4-6)
 15 Landlord in favour of report I revised (10)
 18 Passages from former pamphlets (8)

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- 19 Boy embraces music from Anchorage (7)
 22 Medal I made for Ms Staunton (6)
 23 Number I catch in US city (6)
 25 Writer's favourite embracing love (4)
 26 Thus a soft cleaning material (4)