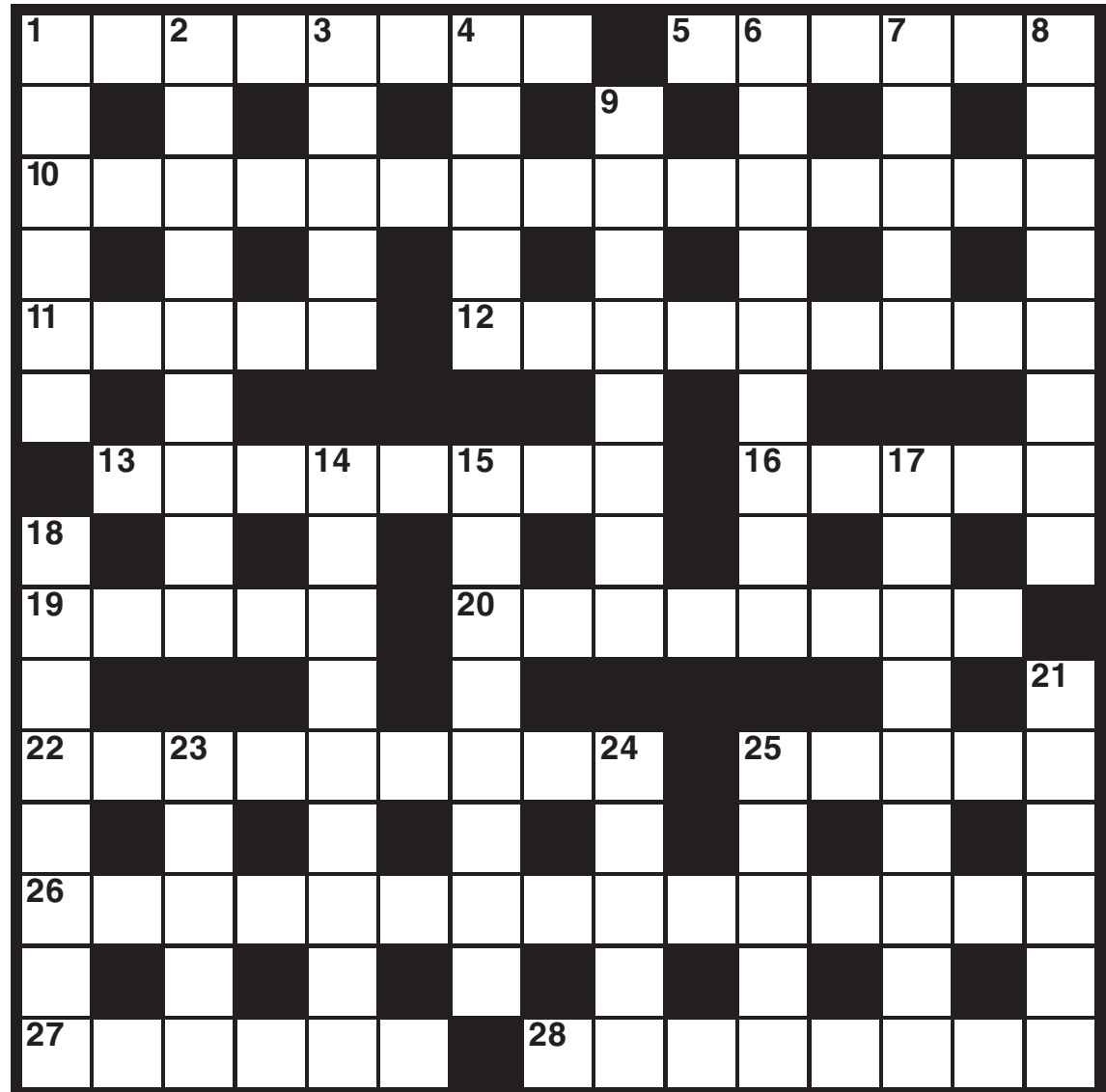


ACROSS

- 1 Public relations is involved in genuine act of retaliation (8)
- 5 Person moving abroad from appalling regime (6)
- 10 Useful cards for hoaxers (9,6)
- 11 Allude to rising and falling (5)
- 12 Take over from a slattern (9)
- 13 Wife crashing with geek, car is write-off (8)
- 16 Block is in Indian village (5)
- 19 Start at a film studio (5)
- 20 Manner of nurse who's like one of the family (8)
- 22 Unfashionable, but more able men's clothier (9)
- 25 Dye piece of hair girl swept up (5)
- 26 Seriously ill, nettlerash doing the damage (2,3,6,4)
- 27 Still considered likely to win, leader in Oaks (4,2)
- 28 Create moves under the work of Spielberg, and so on (2,6)

DOWN

- 1 News story about Dover, perhaps (6)
- 2 Paddington's shoes? (9)
- 3 Bury in part of hinterland (5)
- 4 Tacos cooked for a town (5)
- 6 Compose an alternative setting for craters? (9)
- 7 Her name Garbo makes In avoiding retakes (5)
- 8 Wind brings flower into cathedral city (8)
- 9 Cooked a lobster and smoked herrings (8)
- 14 Feline ill-feeling? (9)
- 15 Crooked as a Latin dog (8)
- 17 A fast climber goes without token of admiration (9)



- 18 Just a tick, not one on the same pitch (8)
- 21 Ray includes right chant (6)
- 23 Send it back with the payment (5)
- 24 Just OK (5)
- 25 Mob store as reported (5)