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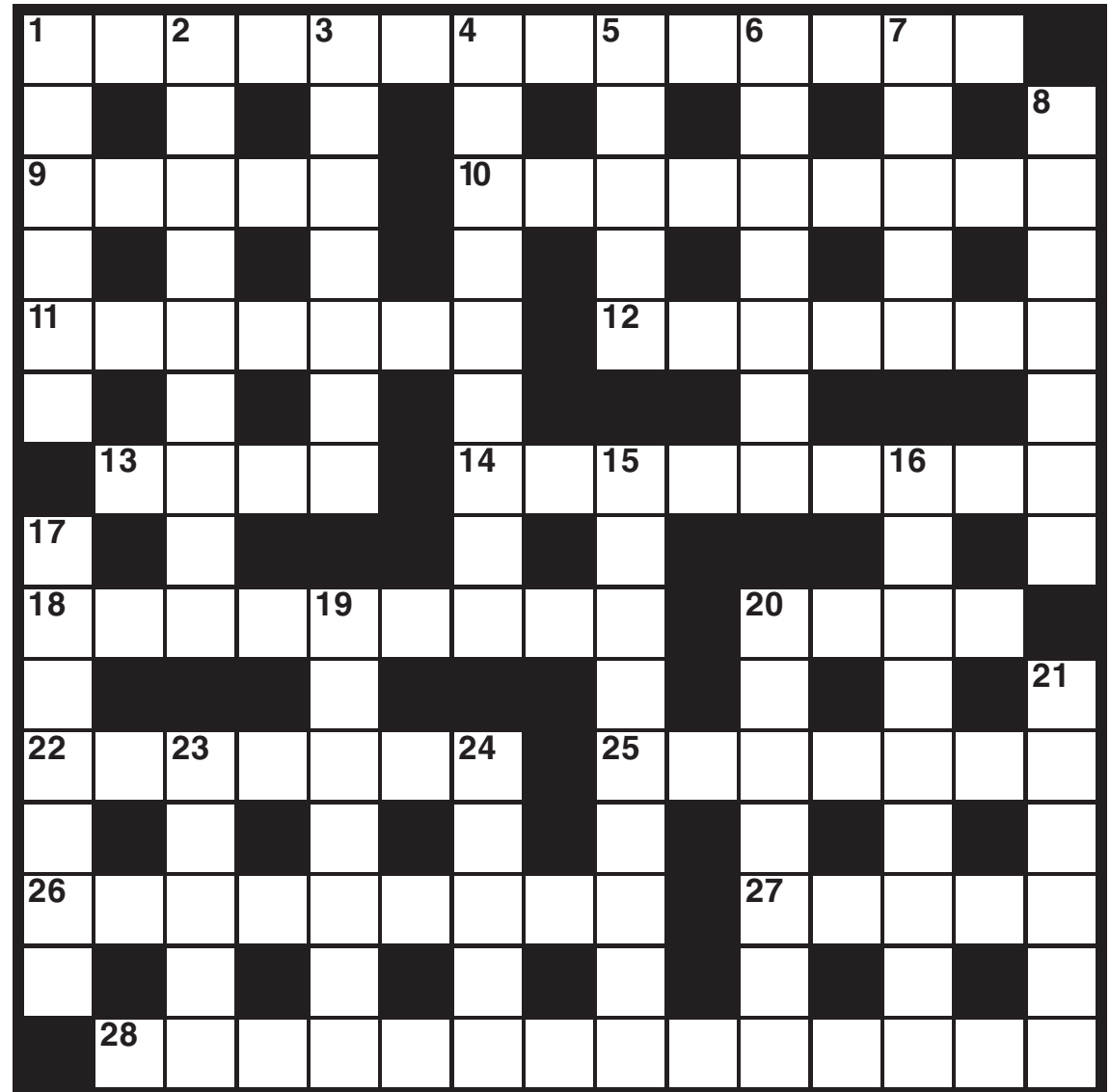
- 1 Pithiness, every outcome is touchy (14)
 9 Wash hair in several houses (5)
 10 Wait to suspend a boxing match (4,5)
 11 Initially like recent changes to reading desk (7)
 12 Can one who harshly criticises? (7)
 13 Row produces sign of sadness, it's said (4)
 14 Book of goods with new cagoule included, thanks (9)
 18 Reach agreement on how to put toe in gate (9)
 20 Stop, we're told by side of the road (4)
 22 One goes in to join one in the army (7)
 25 Boy singer holding music's beginning to shake (7)
 26 Release old, cattier version (9)
 27 Somewhat more lethargically offered for rent again (5)
 28 Coloured dish I'm sprinkling with salt (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 Obstacle taken by an athlete in his stride (6)
 2 Father stealing; it's alarming! (9)
 3 Animal always after Rod, holding note (3,4)
 4 Feature one in each herbal remedy (9)
 5 Transgression by America, something that may be blocked (5)
 6 A vanquished leader during route finding hard work (7)
 7 Roaring sound from chamber five initially (5)
 8 Set out and jumped (7)
 15 Fraction of white tent shifted (9)
 16 Biscuit for Italian patriot (9)
 17 Single's favourite comes back for dance (3-4)

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- 19 Capital, is it holding politician back? (7)
 20 After gladness, I love parting word (7)
 21 Sounds like element of courage (6)
 23 Many on to game of chance (5)
 24 Where almonds grow in the country (5)