

**ACROSS**

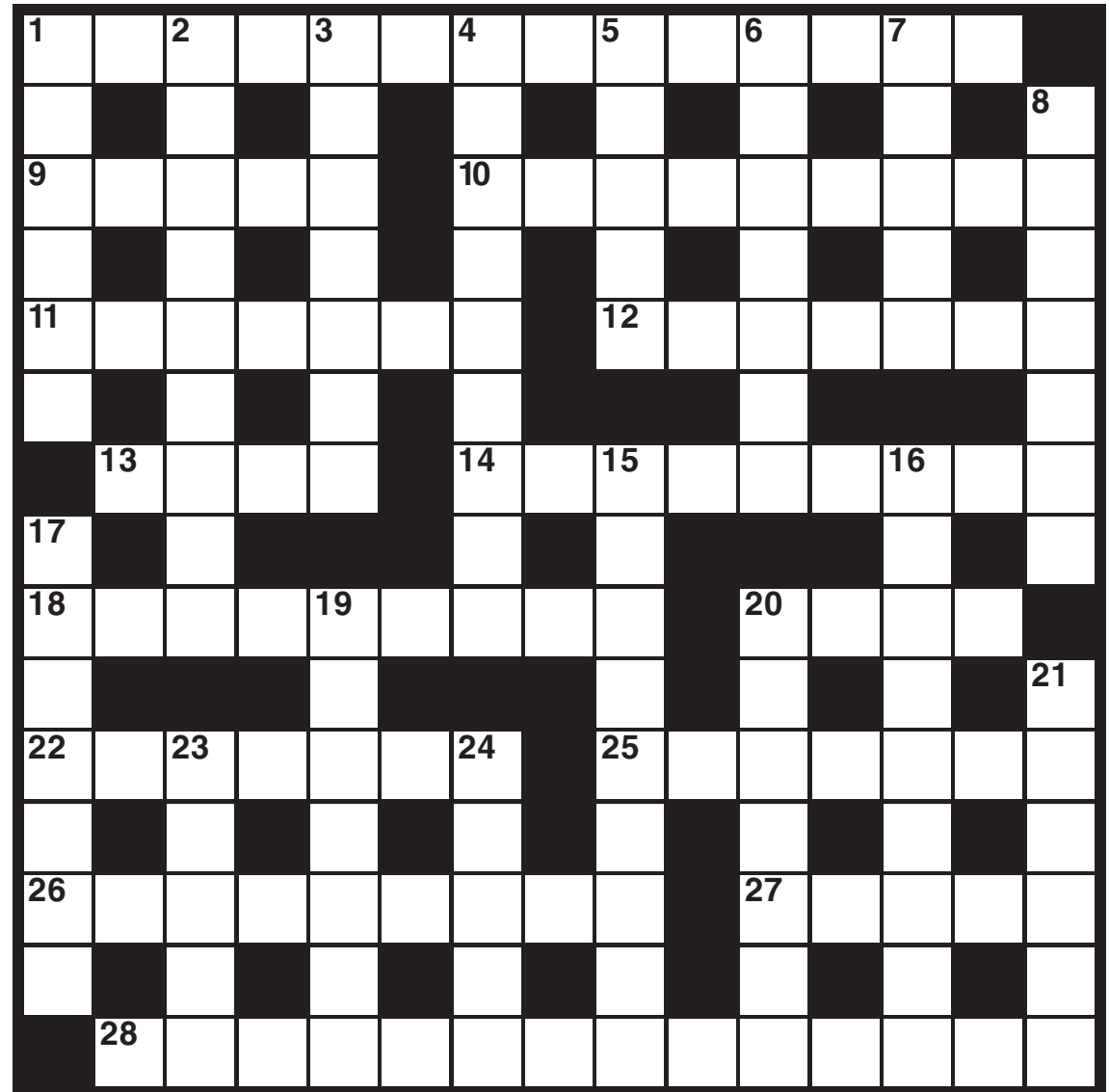
- 1 Wrongly describe tartan, being disorganised (14)
- 9 In pursuit of nearer the stern? (5)
- 10 Man present at the christening is criminal boss (9)
- 11 Dog-end cut short (7)
- 12 It's rope that's deflected return of fencing (7)
- 13 Single game (4)
- 14 Schedule hour on board (9)
- 18 Battle tours turned horrific (9)
- 20 Designer has two businesses (4)
- 22 Seems likely answer – soft pieces of fruit (7)
- 25 Hear ancestor abstain (7)
- 26 Job for this French military group (4,5)
- 27 Go over when furious (5)
- 28 Pub transport? (5,3,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Attitude can't be altered in the south-east (6)
- 2 Generate no fear, not given time of day (9)
- 3 Twister with rent trouble (7)
- 4 Attempt to make triolet about opera (9)
- 5 Tracking system going up and down (5)
- 6 Having problems with a points failure (2,1,4)
- 7 Get hostile about community spirit (5)
- 8 Not unhappy with coloured whiskey bottled (3-4)
- 15 Poet with same silly competitors (9)
- 16 Composer's penning backing part for unmarried men (9)
- 17 Cheeky child regarding painting style (7)

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- 19 The jam-making trade? (7)
- 20 Copper gets a vehicle to reverse over liqueur (7)
- 21 Large number of pay increases bring troubles (6)
- 23 Nuisance with old Italian sauce (5)
- 24 One is returning having year in the country (5)