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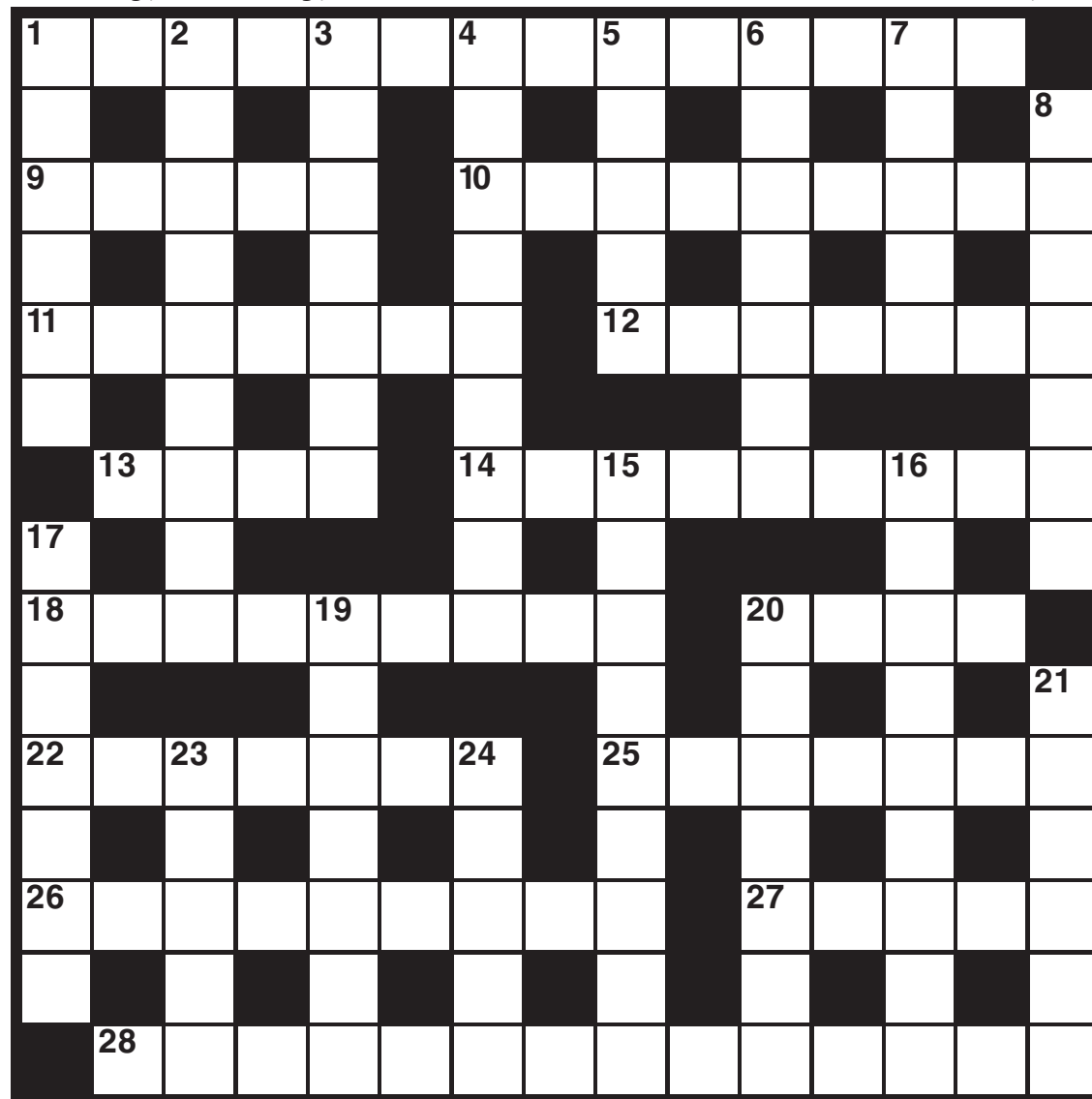
- 1 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)
 9 Belittle a foundation (5)
 10 From another part of the country, not right to have no will (9)
 11 Cyclists surrounding a group of attackers (7)
 12 Conference remains disrupted (7)
 13 Printing recorection spotted in haste – timely! (4)
 14 Old boy's term for compulsive preoccupation (9)
 18 Studio host of a nautical programme? (9)
 20 Quick blast of praise (4)
 22 New kit, let's knock down (7)
 25 Trendy model impolite to poke nose in (7)
 26 Bit of potato cooked a lot with a sausage (9)
 27 Internal meal, missing starter (5)
 28 Infantryman in red gear, possibly, taking cover (9,5)

DOWN

- 1 Poor, poor game by the Engineers (6)
 2 No-nonsense Erica's out to conceal index (9)
 3 Part with gold or silver, for example (7)
 4 Minor star troubled in bad weather (9)
 5 Set is up in locations (5)
 6 Expects fool to lead injured emus (7)
 7 Shackle retail group (5)
 8 French land retains popular dish (7)
 15 Association exposed by criminal acts I deny (9)
 16 In fun laze around, but causes illness (9)
 17 Support for prayer is equipped with foot-covering (7)

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- 19 Our town sadly no longer in fashion (7)
 20 Skill in golf, for placing (7)
 21 A king in need approached (6)
 23 Biscuit Errol regularly made cooler (5)
 24 Large antelope from eastern country (5)