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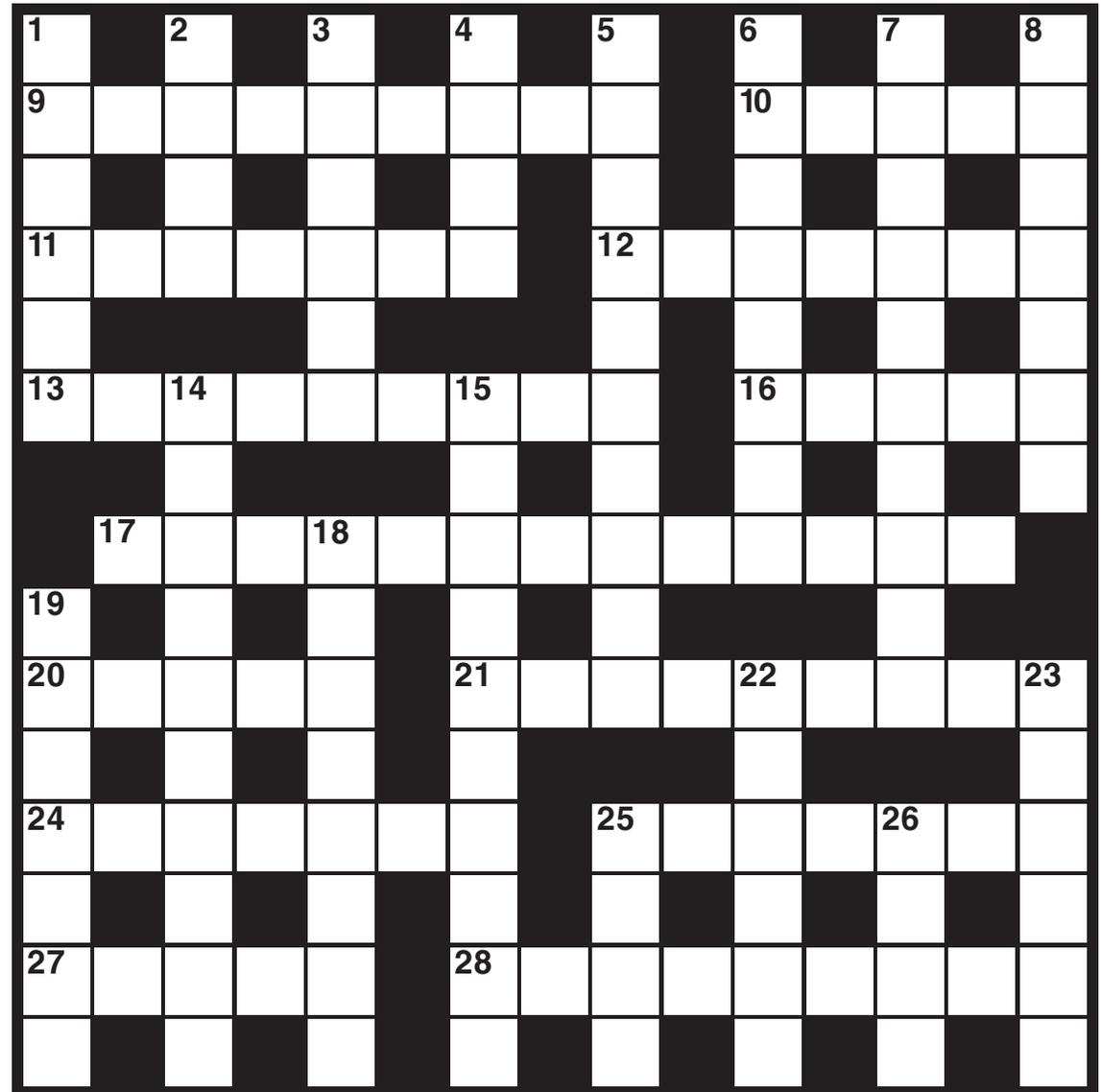
- 9 Hopeless porter may well be non-permanent (9)
 10 Man to perform a piece of music (5)
 11 Only working parent housed after a peculiarity (7)
 12 Lined, but not originally topped with straw (7)
 13 Find out when definite (9)
 16 Awaits order returned, containing fried cake (5)
 17 Enlightening but maybe non-altruistic (13)
 20 Repairers have drying machine (5)
 21 Thought broadcast item dated (9)
 24 Animal, European, in more colourful surroundings (3,4)
 25 Fruit newsworthy, it's said (7)
 27 Succulents first chosen at start of play? (5)
 28 From Europe, a refusal wearing off (9)

DOWN

- 1 Rock bands (6)
 2 After midnight, doctor finds bullets (4)
 3 Locks on to second fabric (6)
 4 No holding five or many sailors (4)
 5 With a dash? (10)
 6 Musical piece for ten, following speaker (8)
 7 Recklessly hits Austen fan (10)
 8 Dour bio rewritten from bedroom (7)
 14 Say the opposite when Dianne is in agreement (10)
 15 Soldier goes after water – the gem! (10)
 18 Spice in trice with rum, ruined (8)

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- 19 Artillerymen follow scramble to get on (3,4)
 22 Some mixture entering serving dish (6)
 23 Working out age when courting (6)
 25 Port stopper (4)
 26 A detective group is sharp (4)