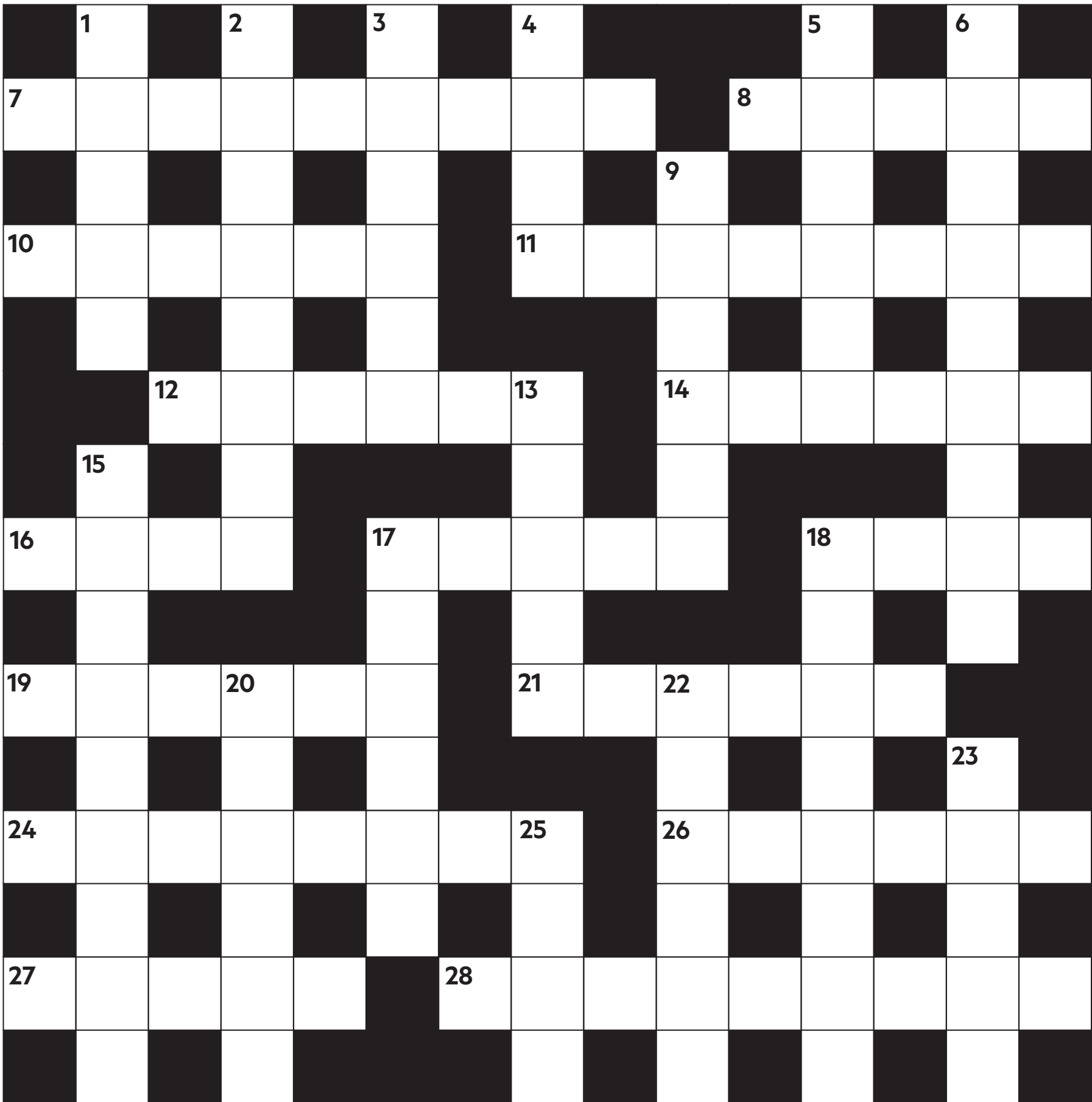


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7 Appalling, dreadful (9)
- 8 Harmless bullet (5)
- 10 Driveway stones (6)
- 11 Verbally assail (8)
- 12 Social standing (6)
- 14 Sword cover (6)
- 16 Measure of land (4)
- 17 Pass on (5)
- 18 Fizzy water (4)
- 19 Lowest part (6)
- 21 Small decorative hanging (6)
- 24 Equitable behaviour (4, 4)
- 26 Alleviation, easing (6)
- 27 Consecrate (5)
- 28 Not straight, crooked (4-5)

DOWN

- 1 Unadorned celebrity meets king (5)
- 2 Naval vessel etc put up without alternative check (8)
- 3 Grain — and a sound instruction for treating it? (6)
- 4 Some help us hope for promotion (4)
- 5 Extended rim of tart, say, is raised (6)
- 6 Arrested popular duty sergeant, initially, with company that’s dodgy (2, 7)
- 9 Distressed for filthy place that’s unwelcoming (6)
- 13 Divided Balkan city (5)
- 15 Brusquely collar shy intellectual (9)
- 17 Discover the truth about ominous sound (6)
- 18 Take your secret (8)
- 20 Press hard, taken in by belief (6)
- 22 Clever little mammal with lizard’s tail (6)
- 23 China took flight up to leader of Taiwan (5)
- 25 Agreement constrained by the old burden (4)

Solution 565

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