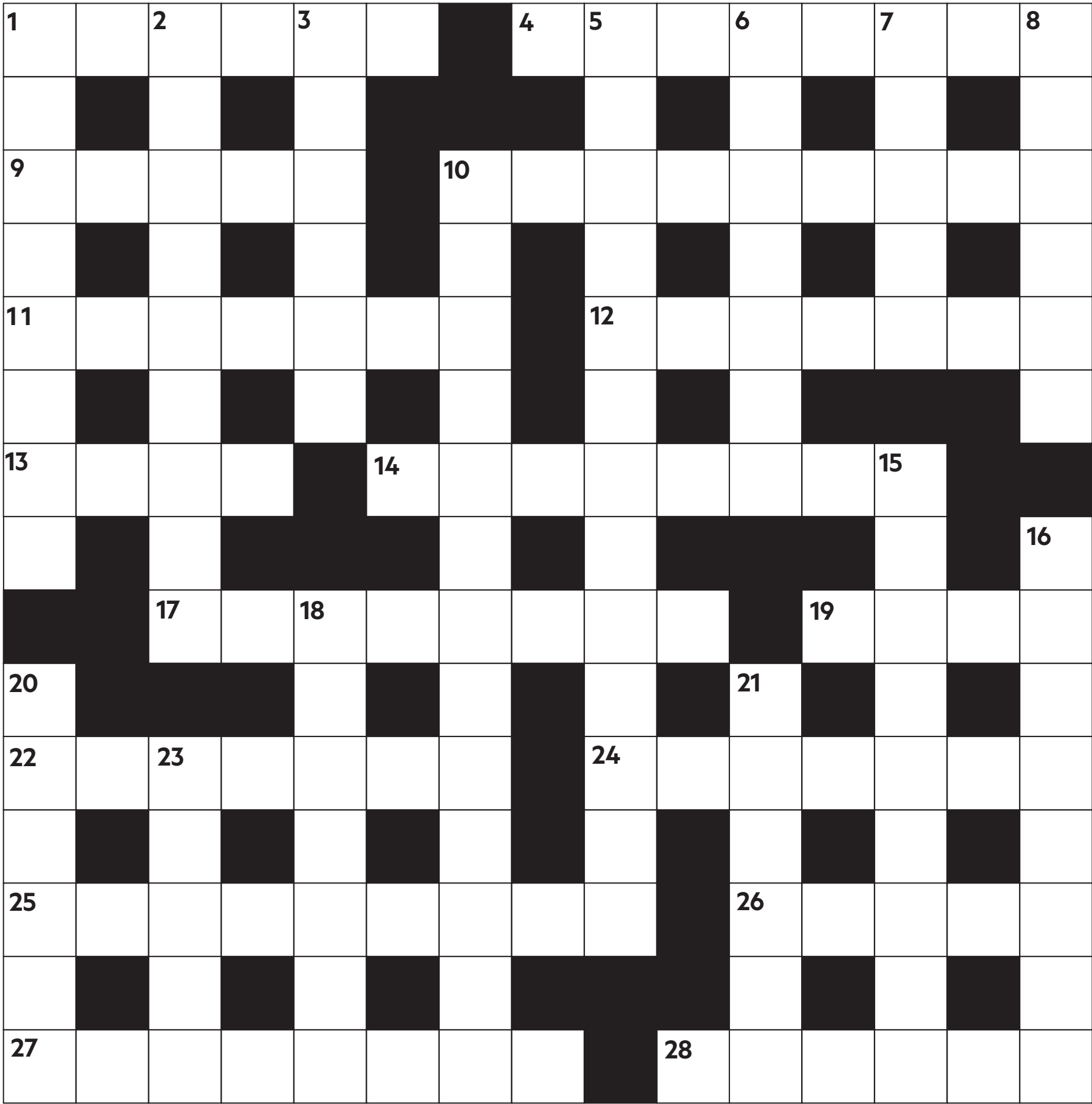


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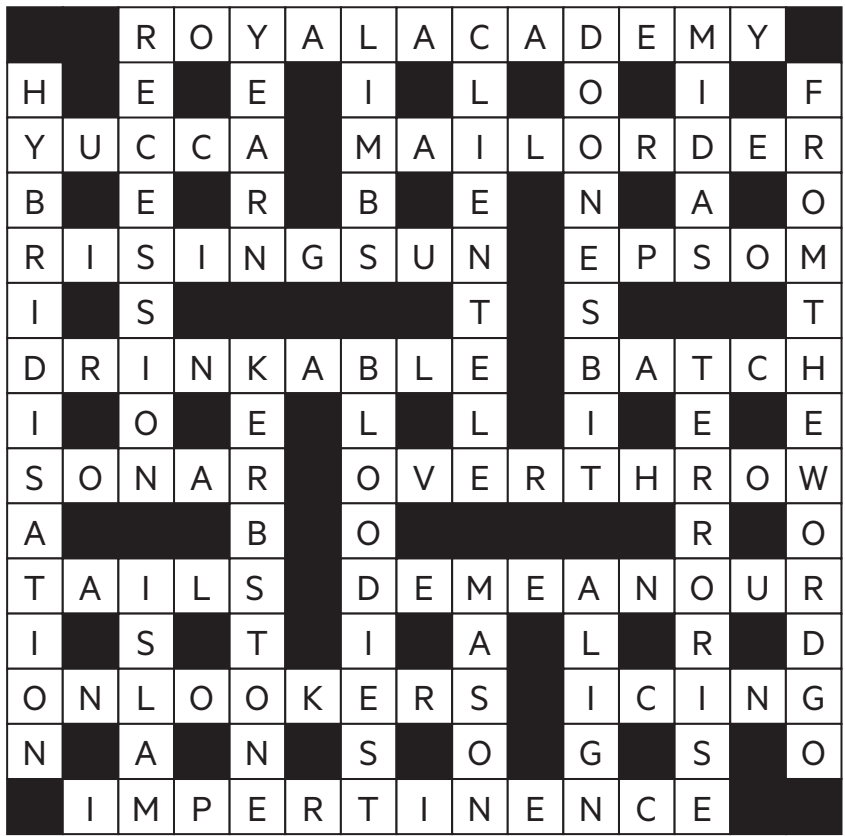


The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 State firmly, demand (6)
- 4 Stress (8)
- 9 More pleasant (5)
- 10 Declined to vote (9)
- 11 Pharmacist (7)
- 12 Himalayan peak (7)
- 13 Small cut (4)
- 14 Co-operative behaviour (8)
- 17 Soldier’s facial make-up (3, 5)
- 19 Layer, row (4)
- 22 Reprimand, criticise (7)
- 24 Frozen shipping hazard (7)
- 25 Grappling, tussling (9)
- 26 Shelf (5)
- 27 Came back (8)
- 28 Civic disturbance (6)

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DOWN

- 1 Blameless pub caught with note that’s dodgy (8)
- 2 Turbulent crowd with case that’s beyond criticism (6, 3)
- 3 Tune pressure filter (6)
- 5 Overseeing old dynasty capturing disorderly armed units without a leader (13)
- 6 It’s heard from those striving to get endless paradise that’s not quite tropical (5-2)
- 7 Sight, perhaps, to see around Norway’s snowy peaks (5)
- 8 Passed a test, inwardly calm (6)
- 10 However, the estimate’s wrong without a modification, initially (2, 3, 4, 4)
- 15 Critical position for king feeding wild elephants, at first (5, 4)
- 16 Part of French shareholders’ meeting – English not appended (8)
- 18 Farm bird register includes duck (7)
- 20 Draughtsperson’s piece of furniture (6)
- 21 Capital raised zero rebate when halved (6)
- 23 Fold left in rumpled tape (5)