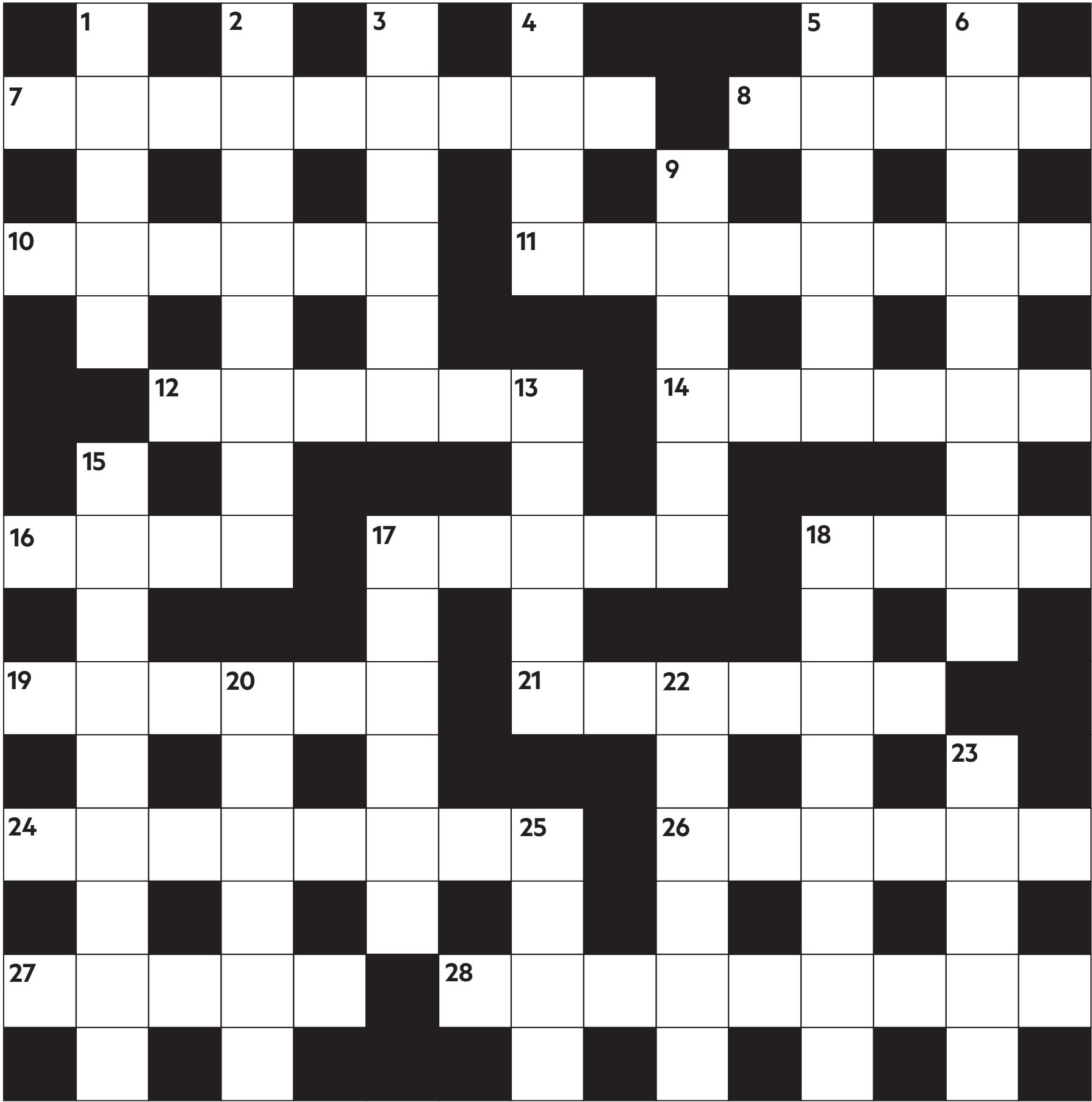


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic. Two of the Down answers are topically linked and their clues do not contain definition parts.

ACROSS

- 7 Baltic country (9)
- 8 Sham, counterfeit (5)
- 10 Simple sacred utterance (6)
- 11 Impasse, deadlock (5-3)
- 12 Delay (4-2)
- 14 Fame (6)
- 16 Intend (4)
- 17 Under (5)
- 18 Lord (4)
- 19 Comfort, reassurance (6)
- 21 Despot (6)
- 24 Act of taking on (8)
- 26 Biscuit (6)
- 27 Genuinely (5)
- 28 Lapse, omission (9)

DOWN

- 1 Furniture I'd put up against one (5)
- 2 Closure of the wounds with no end of bandage wrapped around (8)
- 3 Stick in little old garment (6)
- 4 Prejudice, bigotry, intolerance and stereotyping, primarily (4)
- 5 Very wet bit of turf over fox's hole (6)
- 6 Man with counterfeit's going around (3, 6)
- 9 Motorway sign showing direction for the most central part (6)
- 13 Story includes one speculative TV show (5)
- 15 Fabulous part of a journey to a railway terminus, at first (9)
- 17 Start beavering away with popular science expert (6)
- 18 Creature's one loping around outside (8)
- 20 Almost stab a safari animal (6)
- 22 Account about electric line (6)
- 23 Strange thing (5)
- 25 Dark-blue lorry pulled up by bottom of alley (4)

Solution 613

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