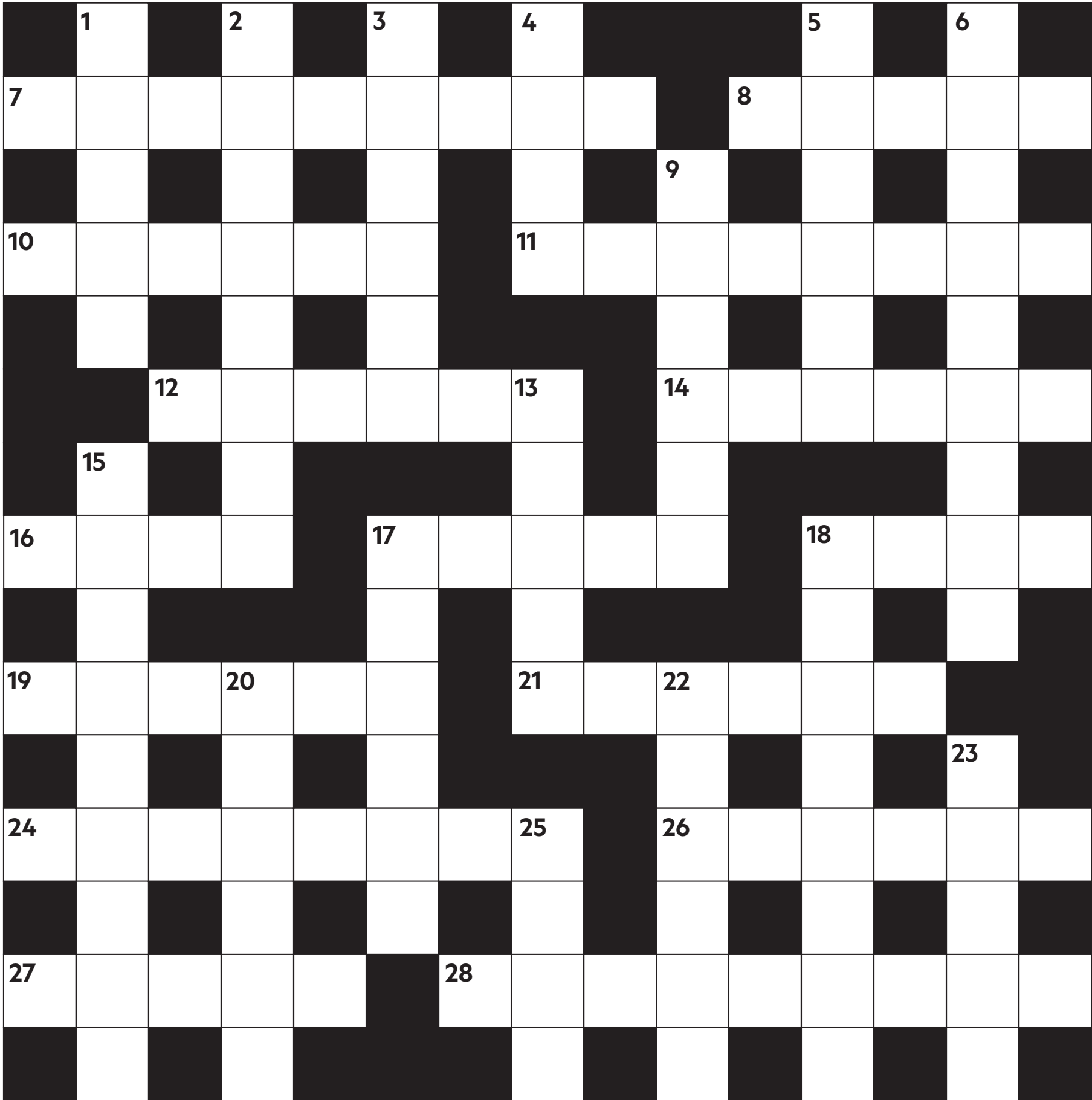


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7 Constellation of the Great Bear (4, 5)
- 8 Measuring device (5)
- 10 Word repeatedly chanted (6)
- 11 Forward motion (8)
- 12 Oneness (6)
- 14 Garment’s arm piece (6)
- 16 Noblewoman (4)
- 17 Group of eight (5)
- 18 Chaste (4)
- 19 Stonemason’s tool (6)
- 21 Basic accommodation (6)
- 24 Hellish (8)
- 26 Horrified (6)
- 27 Genuinely (5)
- 28 Children (9)

Solution 653

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DOWN

- 1 Bill includes a bit of recompense for fracture (5)
- 2 Recklessly wish just to join up (8)
- 3 Badger, tailless long-eared animal and donkey (6)
- 4 Starter at university to that extent is on top (4)
- 5 Intensity of shade – green, mostly (6)
- 6 Carry on with each grave (9)
- 9 Company gets right to fix garment (6)
- 13 Score’s level (5)
- 15 Equipment for my securing chain manoeuvred with little hesitation (9)
- 17 Regular shape of black pine (6)
- 18 Visual information that is to check, in part (3, 5)
- 20 Becoming crafty, hiding me up after end of chase (6)
- 22 Rod’s energy is meagre (6)
- 23 Consuming American gin cocktail (5)
- 25 Commonly steal what’s in the ascendant in heist films (4)