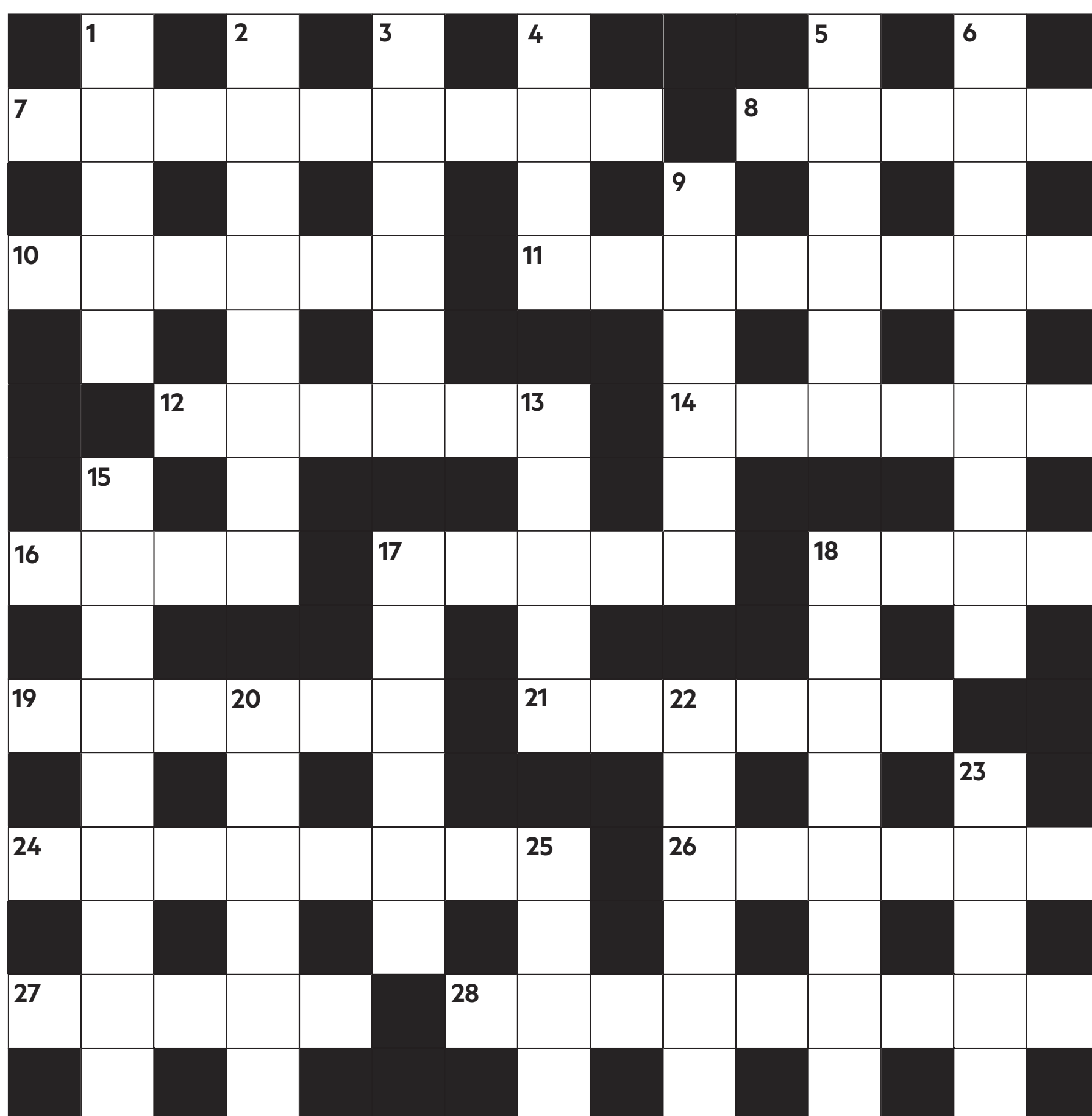


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7 Frenzied celebration (9)
- 8 Reddish hair dye (5)
- 10 Spur, encourage (6)
- 11 Ethics (8)
- 12 Group of six musicians (6)
- 14 Vernal season (6)
- 16 Tirade (4)
- 17 Three score (5)
- 18 Speciality food shop (4)
- 19 Beat soundly (6)
- 21 Fortified building (6)
- 24 Scottish New Year's Eve (8)
- 26 Brick adhesive (6)
- 27 Frock (5)
- 28 Monotonous routine (9)

DOWN

- 1 Billy's partners domestic assistant (5)
- 2 Chance to get a little money without a bit of change I had (8)
- 3 Pothole starts to attract traffic warning (6)
- 4 Peaceful part of radical militia (4)
- 5 One selling corporate messaging conceals dodgy deal (6)
- 6 This month, one gets odd bits of telly right away (9)
- 9 It's unfriendly for disordered filthy place (6)
- 13 Unhealthy spasm overcomes farm animal (5)
- 15 Gauges danger, initially, one's put to hospital panel (9)
- 17 Take a quick trip around Hungary and cross Egyptian attraction (6)
- 18 Depressing place is dead with ancient spirits (8)
- 20 Nearly last out, taking very little time (6)
- 22 Vessel's length: about a metre (6)
- 23 Squad leader joins forces to attack (5)
- 25 Fabrication of beam erected over barn's end (4)

Solution 669

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