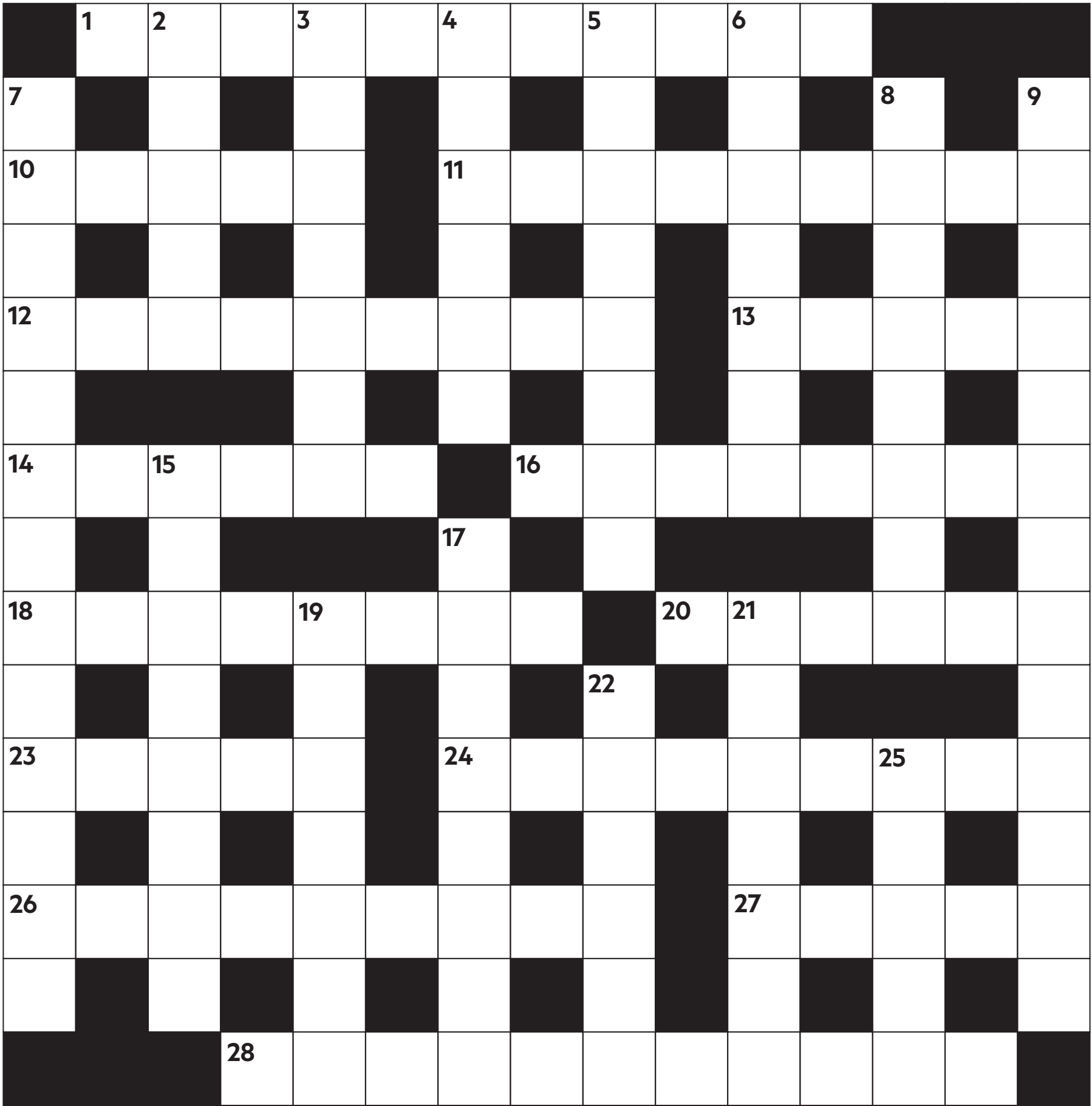


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic. Two of the Down clues have no definition element, but their answers spell out something relevant to today’s crossword.

ACROSS

- 1 Showiness, flamboyance (11)
- 10 Blacksmith’s block (5)
- 11 Necessary (9)
- 12 Movie lover (9)
- 13 Edible seafish (5)
- 14 Small evergreen tree (6)
- 16 Interrogate (8)
- 18 Not defeated (8)
- 20 Himalayan guide (6)
- 23 Prosper, thrive (5)
- 24 On the rise (9)
- 26 Forbearance, understanding (9)
- 27 Lift (5)
- 28 Self-governing (11)

DOWN

- 2 It’s hiding up in one vessel (5)
- 3 Decline's left in shattered pieces (7)
- 4 Article is following second formal argument (6)
- 5 Little boxes modified tubes for part of the body (5, 3)
- 6 Get rid of instant climbing with American vehicle (7)
- 7 Accurate tale doesn’t start being edited after undergraduate student qualification (13)
- 8 More dynamic organ embraces invention (8)
- 9 Old leader can’t let me reform the shelter he neglected (7, 6)
- 15 Release peacekeepers to resist the French (8)
- 17 One’s not at liberty to eat messily — eat outside with elegance, ultimately (8)
- 19 One rail adjusted for part of the plane (7)
- 21 Barbarian fear one suppressed (7)
- 22 Arrange mesh around about bottom of vegetable plot (6)
- 25 Strange for first character’s line to be rewritten (5)

Solution 699

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