FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 709

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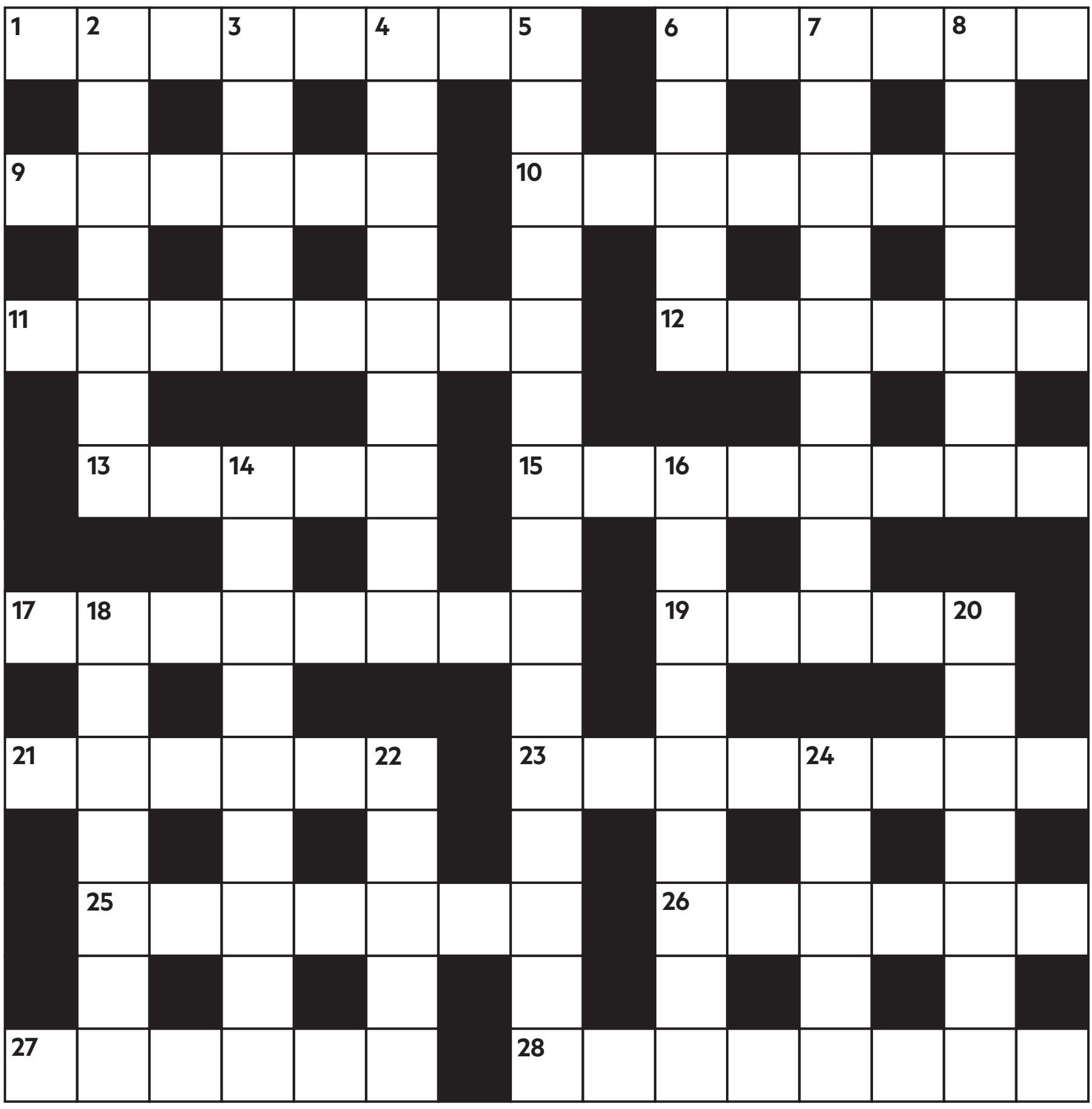

The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

1 Purple or pink spring flower (8)
6 Say no (6)
9 Difficult, troublesome (6)
10 Mathematical figure (7)
11 Storyteller (8)
12 Unimportant facts (6)
13 Excessively masculine (5)
15 Wine container (8)
17 Luxury, wealth (8)
19 Slowly, in music (5)
21 Ditch, deep channel (6)
23 Defence walls (8)
25 Small brown bird (7)
26 Rich blue colour (6)
27 Garment's arm (6)
28 Shy (8)

DOWN

2 Cart went up with a marine to part of the ship (7)
3 Herald credit that's right (5)
4 Thing's altered with a bit of gold to have garment (9)
5 Long conflict's rewards ready to be distributed by barbarian (7, 5, 3)
6 Responsibility for getting part of forfeiture mitigated (5)
7 Outsider's in favour of taking power to Spain (9)
8 Lord grabs a lieutenant's flag (7)
14 Architectural row: dean's upset (9)
16 Pass minutes without energy, perhaps, to regular writer (9)
18 Reading TV system that's caught confused user (7)
20 Shape shifting coat's almost disappeared (7)
22 Rode off after end of flash mob (5)
24 Maple regularly seen next to the German tree (5)

Solution 708