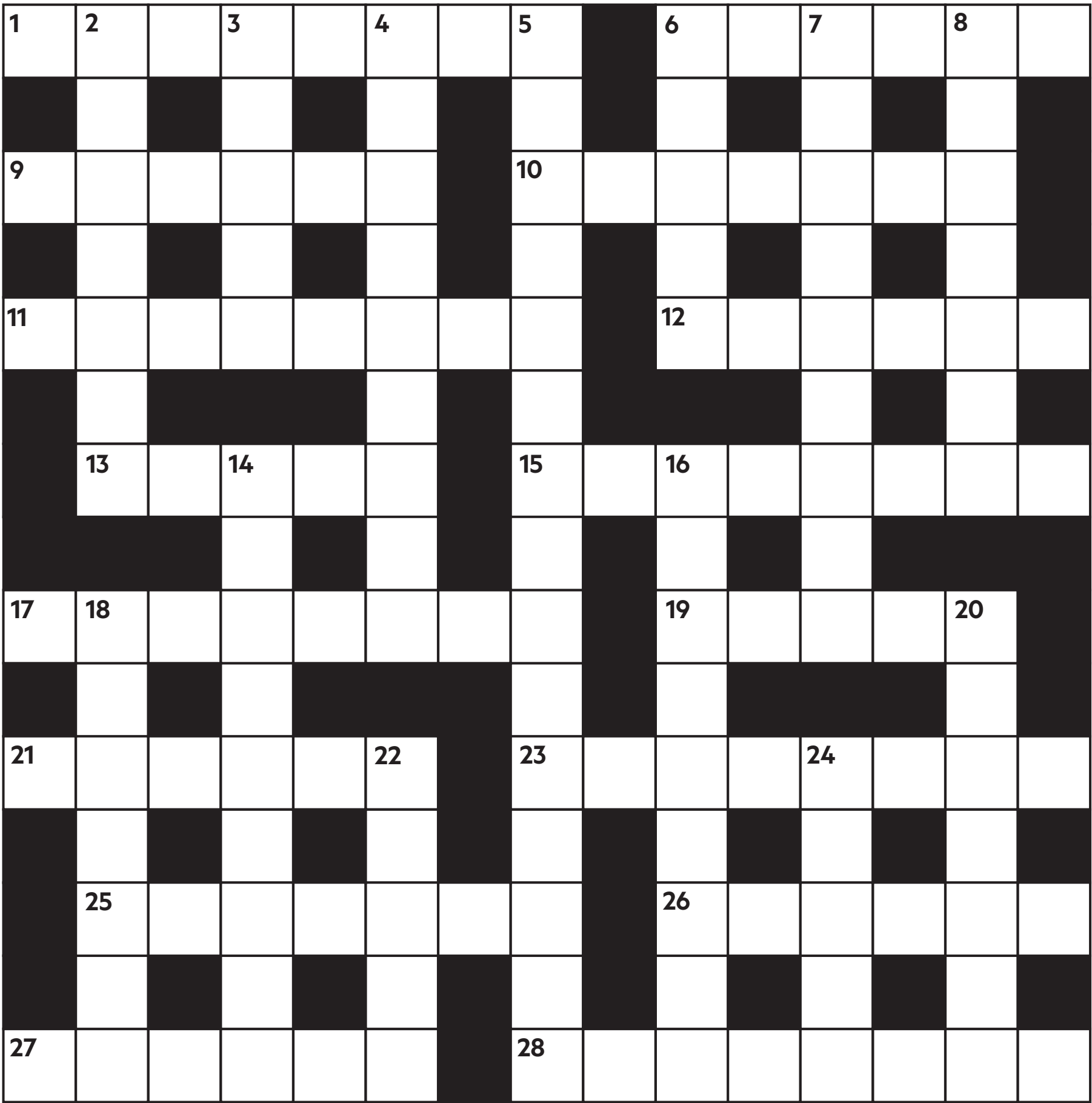


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Divert, sidetrack (8)
- 6 Unassuming (6)
- 9 Skilful (6)
- 10 Stalemate (7)
- 11 Fabric (8)
- 12 Foreign, unfamiliar (6)
- 13 Farewell (5)
- 15 Button, stud, eg (8)
- 17 Piece (8)
- 19 Monarchical (5)
- 21 Fruit basket (6)
- 23 Made a lord or lady (8)
- 25 Ice-rink sport (7)
- 26 Rich Christmas drink (6)
- 27 Small hole (6)
- 28 Hallway furniture for headgear (8)

Solution 740														
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DOWN

- 2 State aid rises — not available after popular start (7)
- 3 Meat consumption overcomes a person (1-4)
- 4 Property payment after a time (9)
- 5 Powerful conflict falters — not right, sadly (5, 2, 8)
- 6 Elm mixed up with a bit of pine tree (5)
- 7 Finding dance precise (9)
- 8 Dry bit of lobster I left (7)
- 14 One new senior officer, broadly speaking (2, 7)
- 16 Tough cord covering broken net (9)
- 18 Blue beam surrounds one church (7)
- 20 Classical song now disturbed rest (3-4)
- 22 Colour without a blemish (5)
- 24 Bay's large height (5)