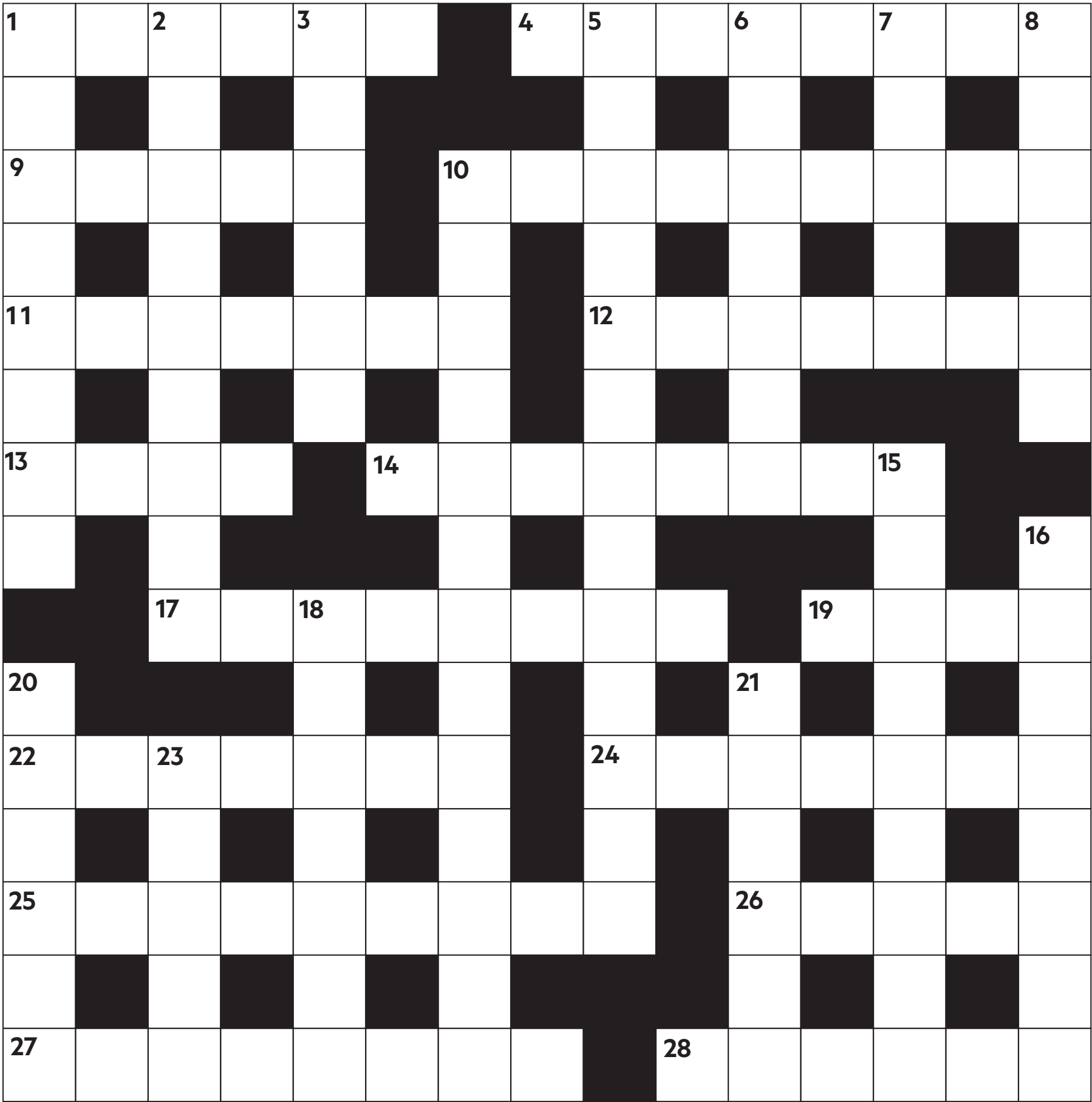


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Nuanced, delicate (6)
- 4 Persuasive oratory (8)
- 9 Bonus (5)
- 10 Butter substitute (9)
- 11 To do with motion (7)
- 12 Inspire, influence (7)
- 13 Metal pin (4)
- 14 Extremely infectious (8)
- 17 Dig up (8)
- 19 Shining ring (4)
- 22 All-embracing, comprehensive (7)
- 24 Small round dish (7)
- 25 To do with imprisonment (9)
- 26 Bloodsucker (5)
- 27 Colourful gamebird (8)
- 28 Social standing (6)

DOWN

- 1 Squadron leader reaching the top — yes, that’s me (8)
- 2 Around Orient, bee’s an annoying creature (4, 5)
- 3 Shed sign incorporates one title, initially (4-2)
- 5 Lurch awkwardly with tutorial about gardening (13)
- 6 Tramp parties madly (7)
- 7 Current level outside lift (5)
- 8 Insincere church leader’s heresy — that’s not right (6)
- 10 Crafty chap goes round each villa I renovated (13)
- 15 Cut a skirt out for another garment (9)
- 16 Run out below at start of second game (8)
- 18 Leather mac is restyled with odd bits of hood (7)
- 20 Part of a shoe to step up (6)
- 21 Charm a working animal with tenderness, primarily (6)
- 23 Result seen differently around university (5)

