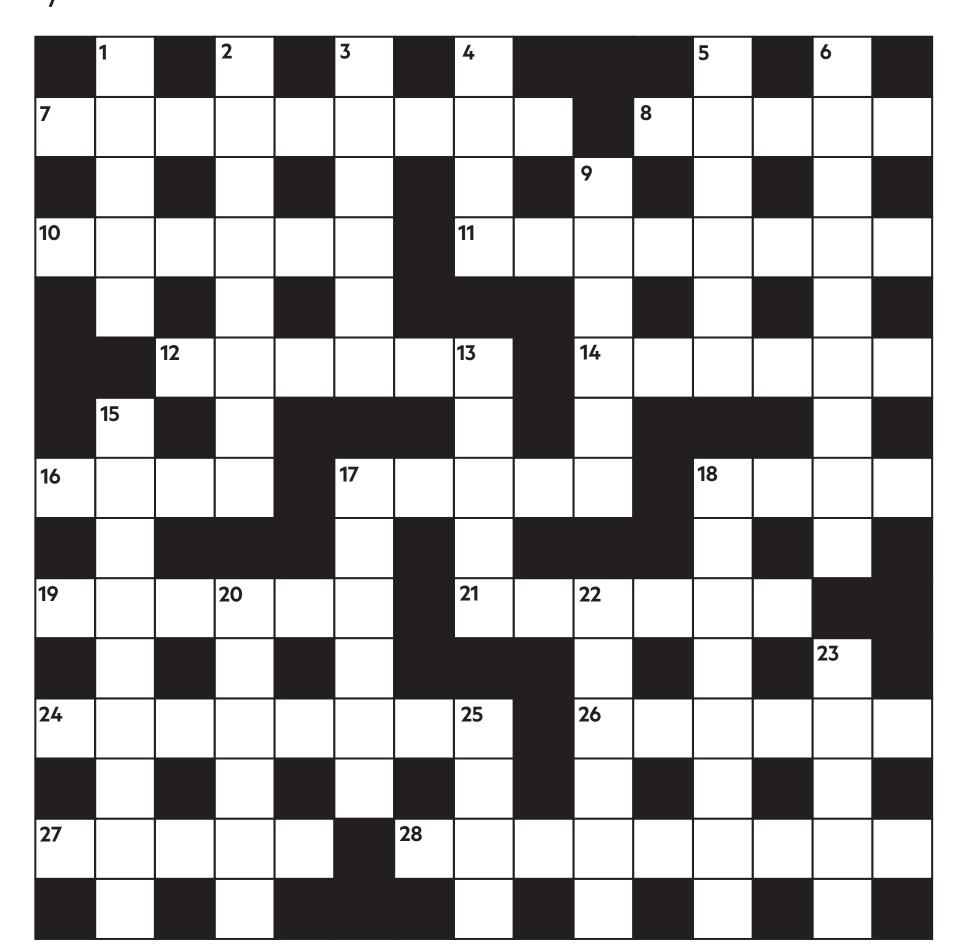
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- **7** Of course (9)
- **8** Eerie (5)
- **10** Jolly (6)
- **11** Precious metal source (8)
- **12** Idiot, dunce (6)
- 14 Strength, stamina (6)
- **16** Cheesemaking by-product (4)
- **17** Window pane fixative (5)
- **18** Grasp (4)
- **19** Fleet (6)
- **21** Annual (6)
- 24 Agenda (8)
- **26** Lilt, accent (6)
- 27 Second planet from the sun(5)
- **28** Sadness (9)

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DOWN

- 1 Cover over bird for the table (5)
- **2** Greed that's increased I'd found in financial district (8)
- **3** Travel smoothly around a lake that's unproductive (6)
- **4** Sell an outdoor sport that's on the up (4)
- **5** Tree's hidden by the broken protective device (6)
- 6 Called in to badly fail second language that's funny (9)
- **9** Unconvincing and poor film, say, one leaves (6)
- **13** Scruffy Scots potato for the audience (5)
- 15 Oddball letter (9)
- 17 Starts to panic Lassa fever epidemic (6)
- **18** Girl took great strides and ran quickly (8)
- 20 Way to a stadium (6)
- **22** Optimistically somehow beats leader of tournament (2, 4)
- 23 Search for part of an antique statue (5)
- **25** Bring in heads of Europe and restart negotiations (4)