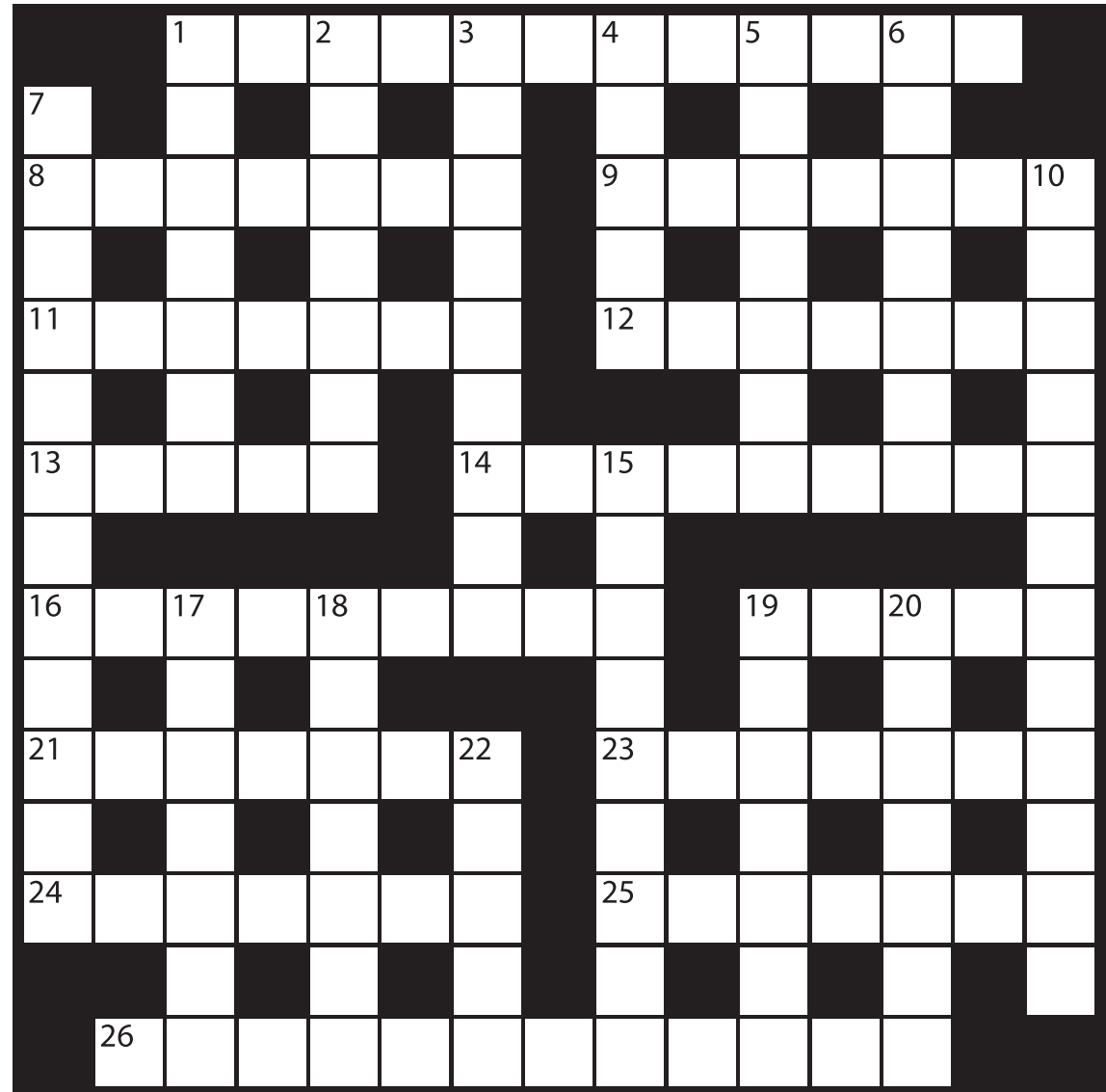


**ACROSS**

- 1 Dog carrier I rent gets broken (5,7)
- 8 Quarrels about a king's duties (7)
- 9 Workers on craft bearing odd bits of carpet and whiskey (7)
- 11 Company boss bringing in guy for management (7)
- 12 French nobleman someone who likes money, reportedly (7)
- 13 European insincere about waste (5)
- 14 Caution against one US soldier with weapon (9)
- 16 Drove erratically with lane crowded (9)
- 19 Change beginning and end of routine with dance (5)
- 21 Set up decree to revise, needing time inside (7)
- 23 Cruel about north-eastern city (7)
- 24 Fortitude of male wearing dirty article (7)
- 25 Confused mason in big house (7)
- 26 Operators stop the lines at work (12)

**DOWN**

- 1 Sweet Alec with arm broken (7)
- 2 Blow up home, apartment close to mine (7)
- 3 Dove I send travelling plunged down (9)
- 4 Antelope from eastern country (5)
- 5 Somewhat mirror quality swimmer (7)
- 6 Terracotta creative work that man put in space (7)
- 7 Poor Romeo in device for holding delinquent traders (12)
- 10 Bats, wrens and egret in plants (12)
- 15 Guy's information turned up: title and rank of soldier (9)



- 17 Leave scrawled note, put on a pedestal (7)
- 18 Storage room encased in sides of large mesh (7)
- 19 Takes back ten cars to be repaired (7)
- 20 Idiot wearing small clothes (7)
- 22 Departure of Parisian at hotel (5)