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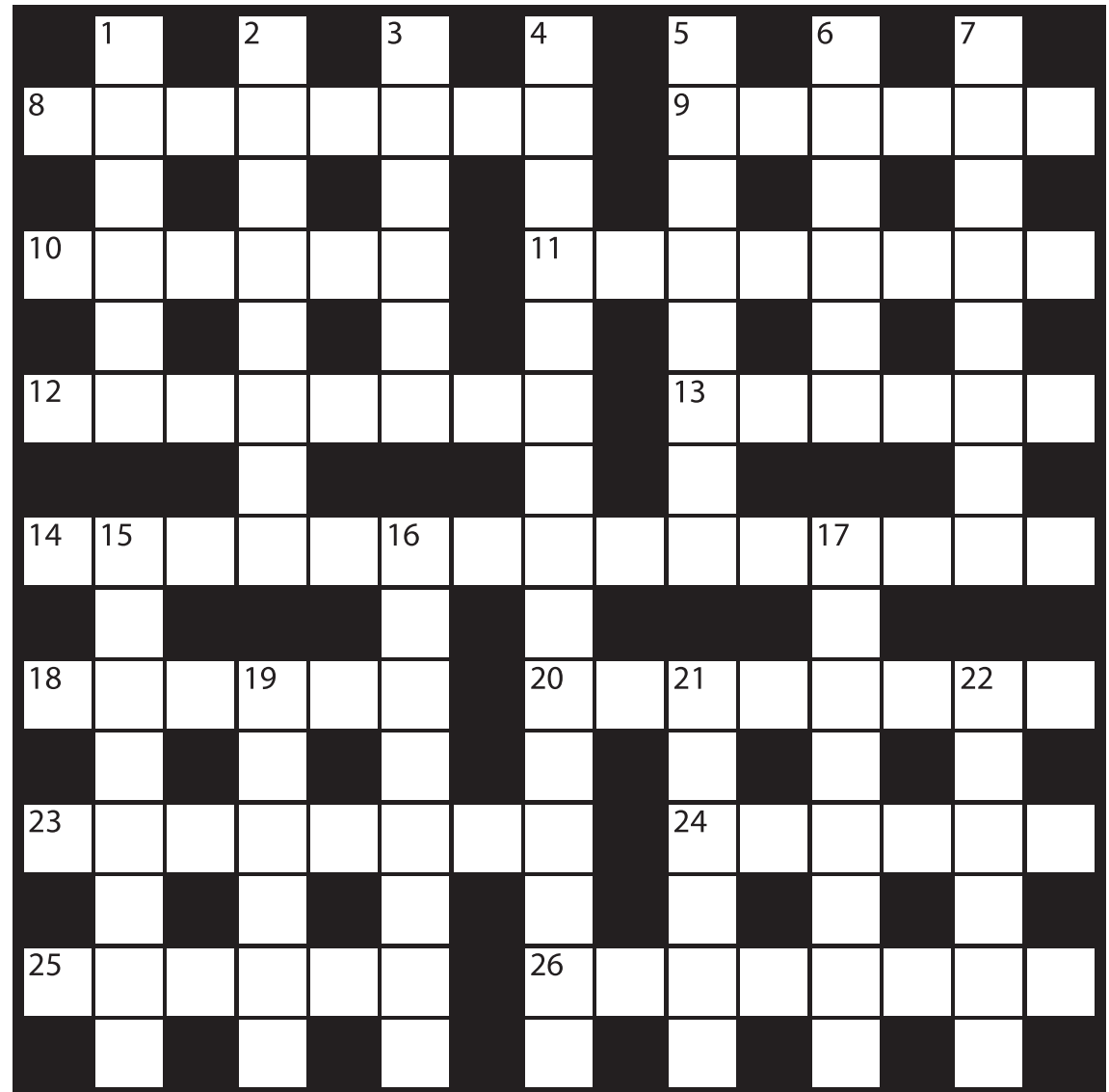
- 8 Argument involving books, say, about weapon (8)
 9 Places hosting action, ultimately (6)
 10 Awkward cowboy gets drug for nothing (6)
 11 Without resistance, Polish journalist disappeared (8)
 12 Sniper shot, working face-to-face (2,6)
 13 Keep left on entering class (6)
 14 An entire college performing democratic exercise (7,8)
 18 Co-operate with Mike after drink at university (4,2)
 20 Start business collecting money, essentially, for Queen (8)
 23 Pole beside river is a dissolute character (8)
 24 Account left by engineers (6)
 25 Cheats sailors aboard ship (6)
 26 By end of disco, calling for Erasure (8)

DOWN

- 1 Screen fatigue (6)
 2 Poodle surrounded by bees regularly shows evidence of trauma (5,3)
 3 Exaggerate anxiety (6)
 4 Moving no confidence vote, leaving time for Pot Noodle, say (11,4)
 5 Hanger-on sporting clean bra (8)
 6 Stops wrinkles right away (6)
 7 Service man, one wanting WC in battle (8)
 15 Style, say, in weapon used by Spain (8)
 16 A quiet break to hold student's hand (8)

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- 17 Very French, to approve sin (8)
 19 Weapon encountered around America and Cambodia (6)
 21 Bound to spoil drink (6)
 22 Cannot race around holding box (6)