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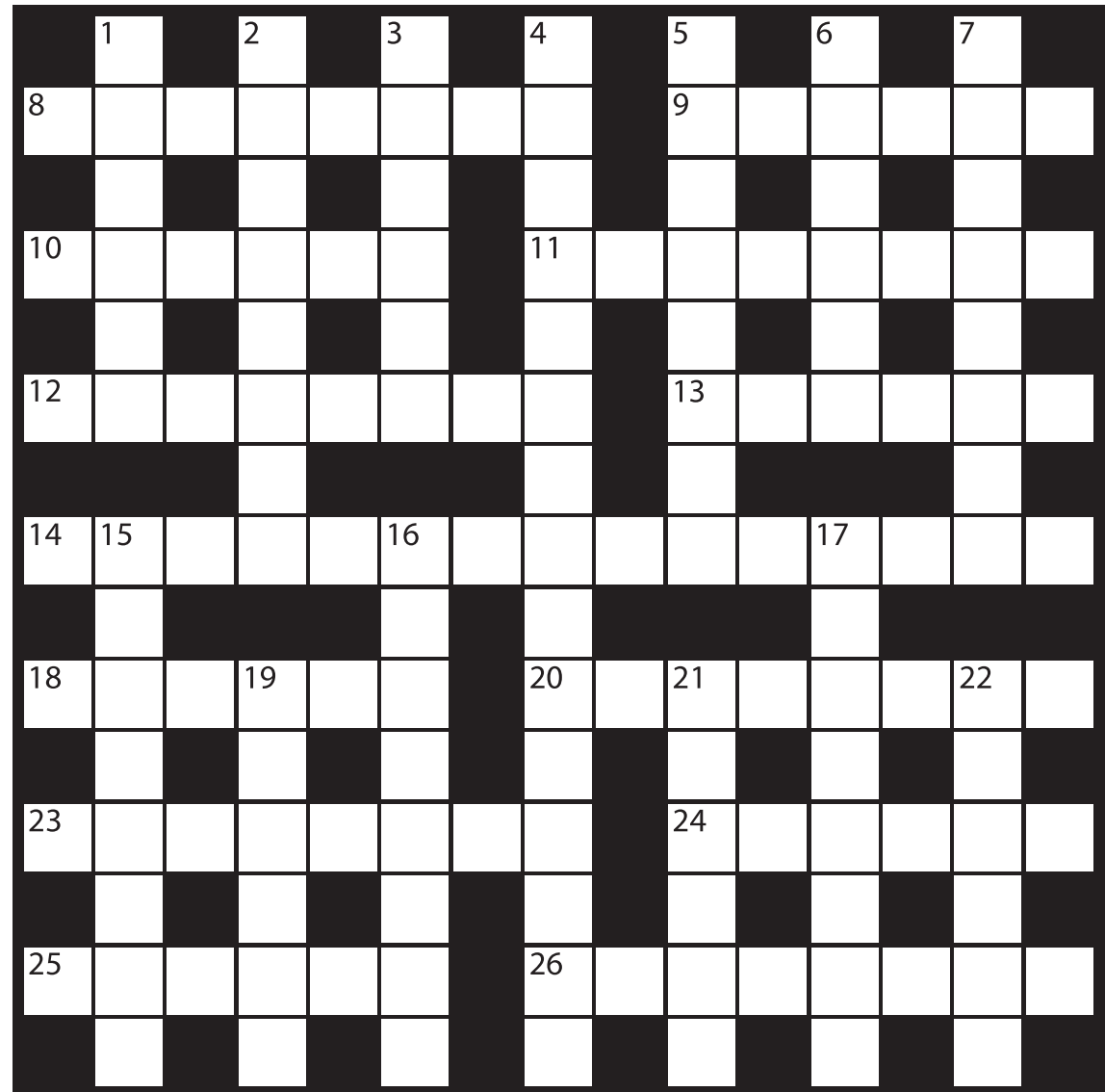
- 8 Appropriate houses always ultimately serve drink (8)
 9 Erratic one in Paris the day before November (6)
 10 Discount in bar (6)
 11 One applying will power (8)
 12 Live with less stable floor (8)
 13 £1000 in cash, or half thereof (6)
 14 What one might call three noblemen up to dance (9,6)
 18 Curtail sermon for the audience (6)
 20 Musician oddly lacking curtains in apartment (8)
 23 Concrete from China having endless tests (8)
 24 Travelling by sea, not initially sick (6)
 25 In front of hotel, space traveller arrives (6)
 26 Love poetry was excluding women abroad (8)

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- 1 Waste extremely sparse income (6)
 2 OK to outline artist's gender (8)
 3 Scruffy socialist eating a horse (6)
 4 Generic plane for unusually frequent flyer (9,6)
 5 Manure's spread around quietly in Kent sometimes (8)
 6 Go after soldiers get back (6)
 7 Paraffin treatment for sore knee (8)
 15 Lift to reveal bananas (8)
 16 Celebration in pub, not one hosted by Highness (3,5)

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- 17 Missing partner, Frenchman went on diet (8)
 19 In Dumfries, we despise foreigners (6)
 21 Going round old prison, Bill is stunned (6)
 22 Boy's upset about a new shoe (6)