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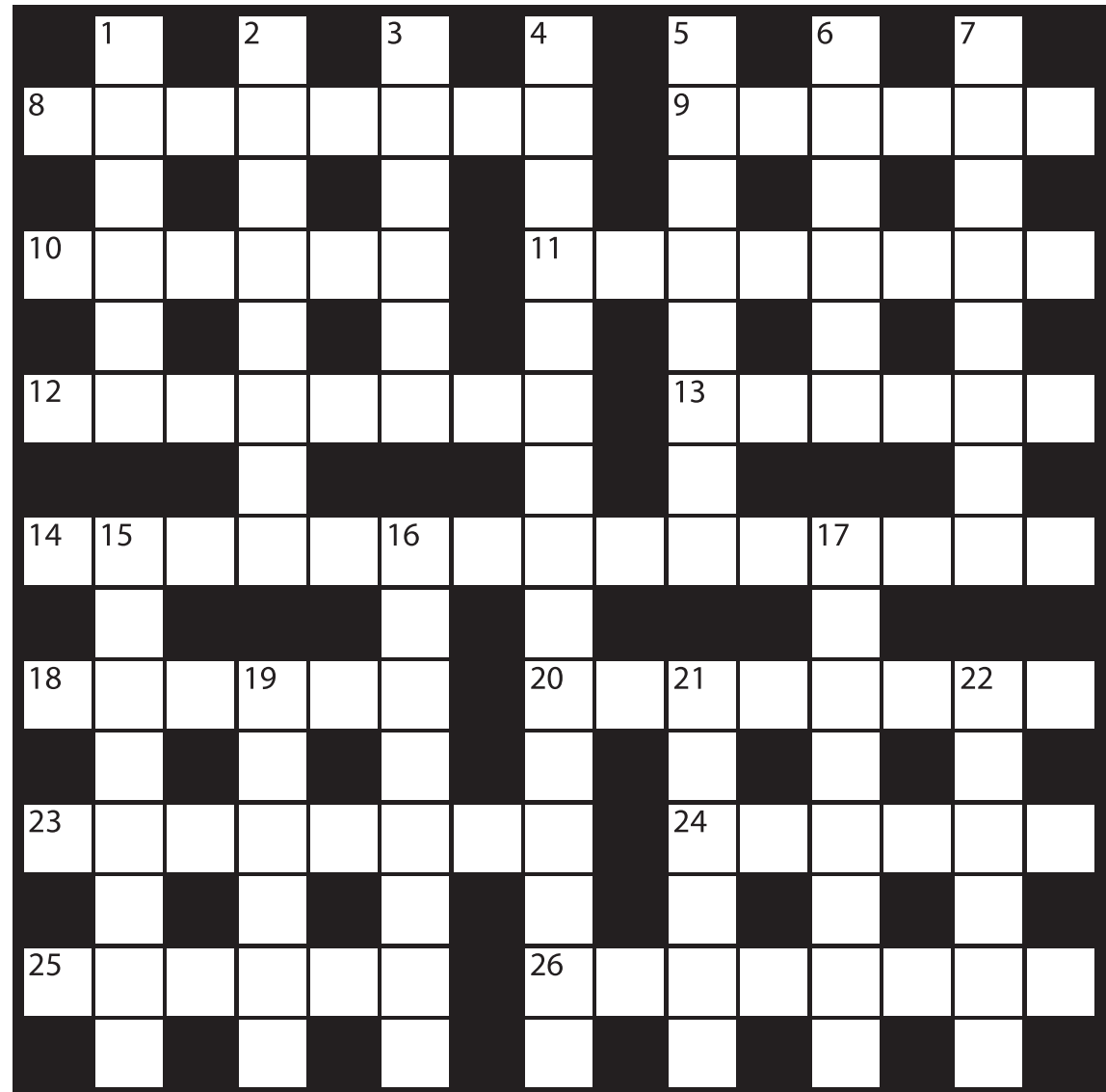
- 8 Criminal pinching present, with little time to be sensible (8)
 9 Harm caused by female holding whip (6)
 10 Frenchman getting woman's spleen... (6)
 11 ...an extremely exotic love story (8)
 12 Reserved sporting arena to host ceremony from the east (8)
 13 Characters in committee thereafter develop Hampstead Heath (6)
 14 Great pub's rent is ridiculous in European city (5,10)
 18 Scouse chanteuse on the radio - a fabulous creature (6)
 20 Lecture Tory about prank, with sides splitting (8)
 23 After wine in Paris, old man has little room for food (8)
 24 Cousins, say, beginning to savour fish recipe (6)
 25 One carrying wood for burning (2,4)
 26 Birds eating dead apes (8)

DOWN

- 1 A little merlot, or beer and spirits (6)
 2 Ridicule verdict that's right for clubs (8)
 3 Middle-eastern enemy shot leader of Israel (6)
 4 Honest person's hand's touching nose (8,7)
 5 One agrees to enlist with idiot (8)
 6 Manage to give student energy (6)
 7 Tory PM's mischievous threat to annex Switzerland (8)
 15 Sales operations outside university (8)

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- 16 Teeth are found in fruit (8)
 17 Crazy about daughter's headscarves (8)
 19 Boy's story about a theologian (6)
 21 Blue Peter is questionable, to some extent (6)
 22 Peacekeepers' clothing almost never crumpled (6)