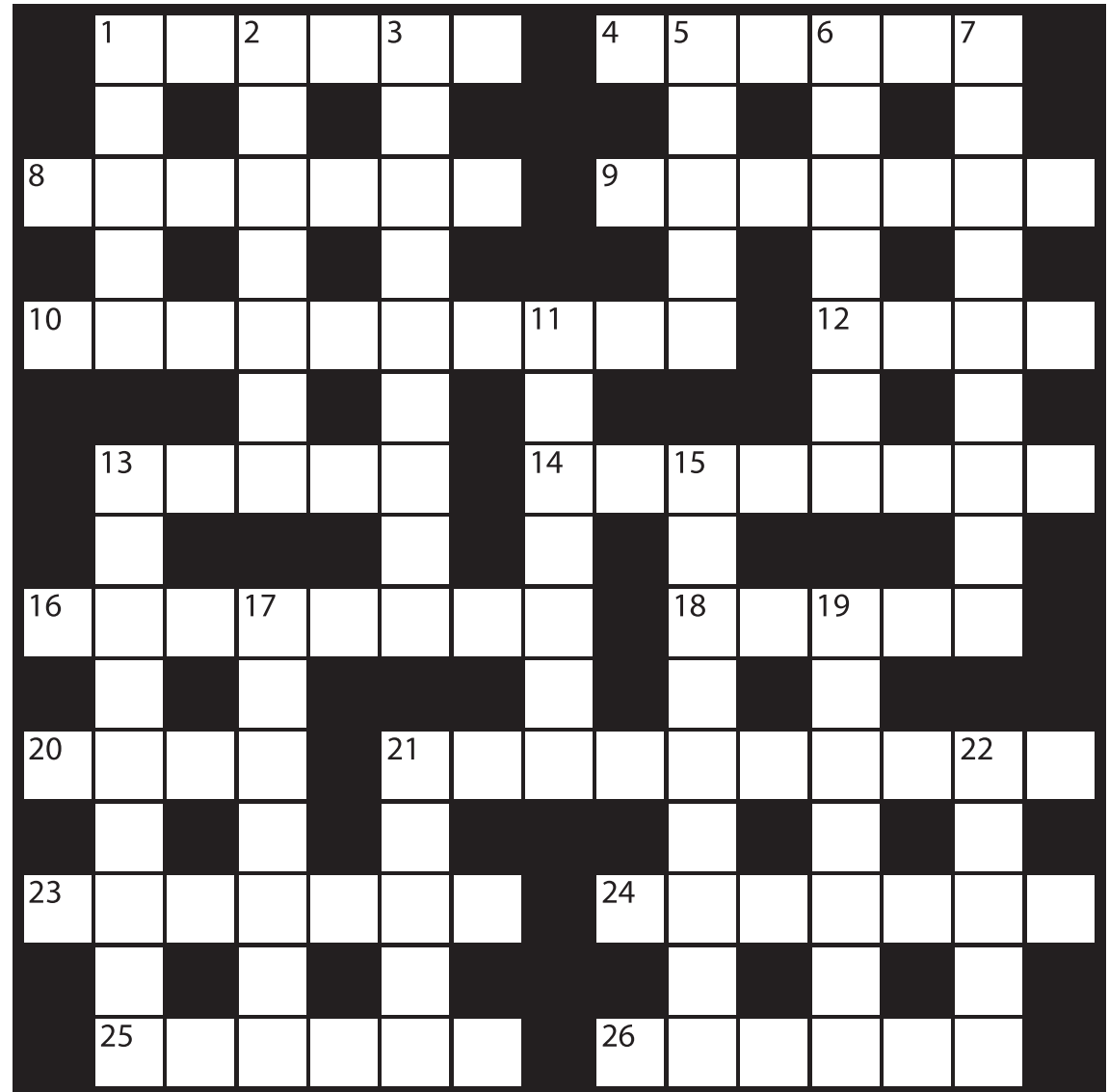


ACROSS

- 1 Bear and donkey for all to see by Boz (6)
- 4 Notice whether back is cut (6)
- 8 Walks leisurely with baked goods on street (7)
- 9 One playing around outside of borstal is risk-taker (7)
- 10 She foresees Peter's shop going bust (10)
- 12 Diplomacy to have effect after time (4)
- 13 Clean empty container aboard vessel (5)
- 14 Soldiers became sour and retreated (8)
- 16 Vile run all over the place with temperature that's extreme (8)
- 18 Almost heading off before expected (5)
- 20 Backward head on monster (4)
- 21 Gentle arcs changing shapes (10)
- 23 Nurse caught that woman and Hamish half-cut (7)
- 24 Simple Cockney's unkind, we hear (7)
- 25 Capital city the criminal fled (6)
- 26 Like court proceeding barring one of the stars (6)

DOWN

- 1 Change some unusual terminology (5)
- 2 Person unfortunately interrupted by old busybody (7)
- 3 Man welcoming learner, expert that's soft (9)
- 5 Leaders in firm, calmest regularly (5)
- 6 Swimmer in lake, topless gangster (7)
- 7 Attempt to hold in concerning desire for disloyalty (9)
- 11 Inconsistent monarch, despicable person in charge (7)
- 13 Weapon sight's on rogue pinching first bit of loot (9)



- 15 That man's entering star sign in solving aid (9)
- 17 Find painting in a Parisian hotel (7)
- 19 Raised handle in loom is normal (7)
- 21 West Indian potentate from south area (5)
- 22 Frame's edge beginning to loosen (5)