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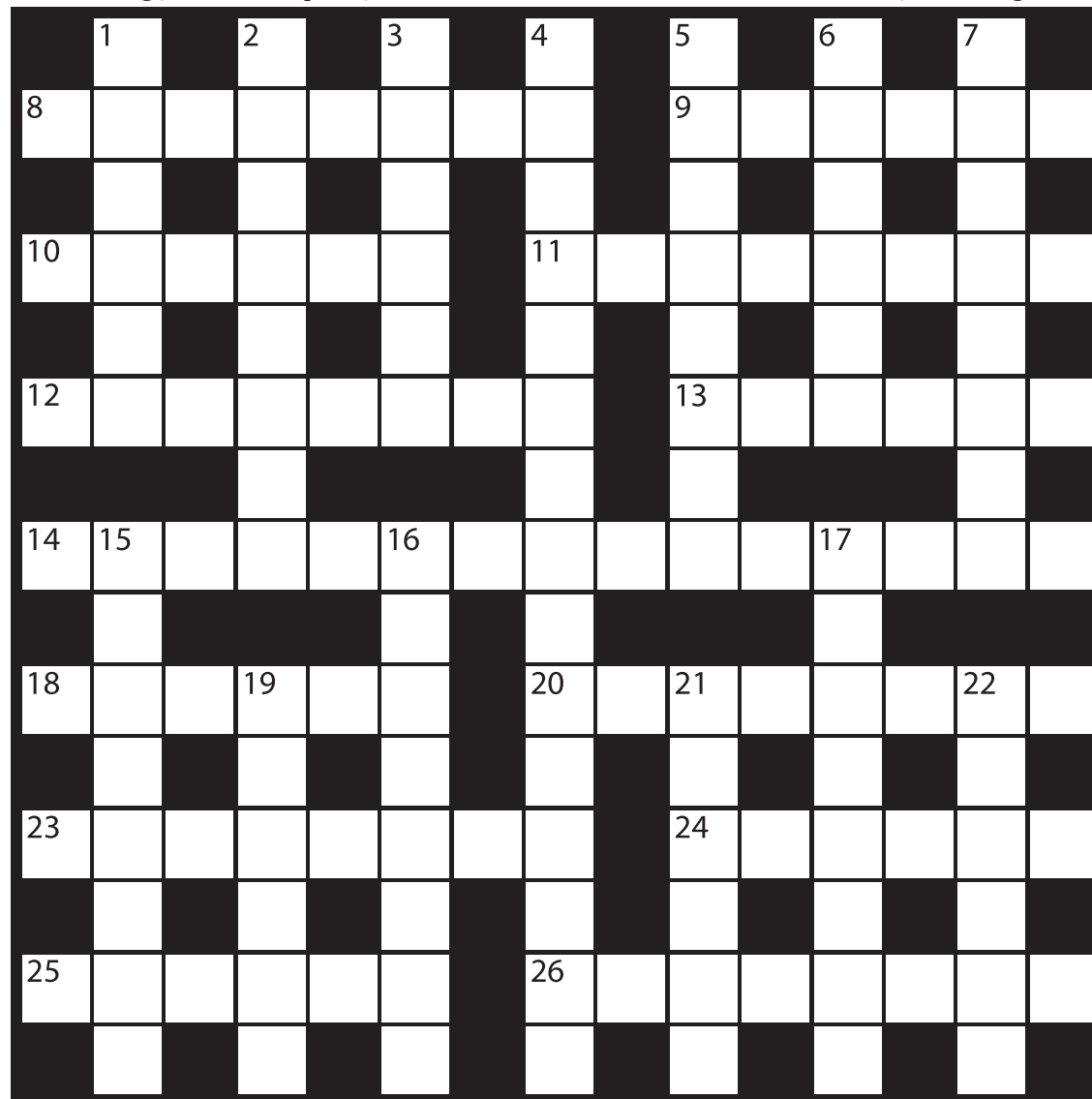
- 8 State troops stopping drink function (8)
9 Behind a club, journalist dropped off (6)
10 Money for Putin's endless problems (6)
11 23ac possibly holding daughter in custody (8)
12 Author's list of possessions incomplete (8)
13 Shoe covered in cigarettes and alcohol (6)
14 Quit turning wheel - not worth it (5,2,3,5)
18 Child actually has name for Charlie (6)
20 He perhaps gets upset with Iran (5,3)
23 German leader one's about to study in book (8)
24 In position, greeting religious person (6)
25 Refrain from hypocrisy, in essence, before god (6)
26 Avengers deployed chemical weapon (5,3)

DOWN

- 1 Protect two businesses working (6)
2 Serious about gold headgear (8)
3 Bemoan officer securing the last word (6)
4 Warn of third new monarch that's reformist (7-8)
5 Game between the French and English is ill-tempered (8)
6 Minister beginning to prioritise crime in England (6)
7 Pledge from doctor after losing head in court (8)
15 None oddly remaining in crew after hotel party (3,5)
16 Profit from Bury firm leader's moved south (8)

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- 17 Frequently beginning to open two newspapers (8)
19 Think highly of doctor capsizing in river (6)
21 Make certain to succeed when capturing castle (6)
22 A way to lead fish off course (6)