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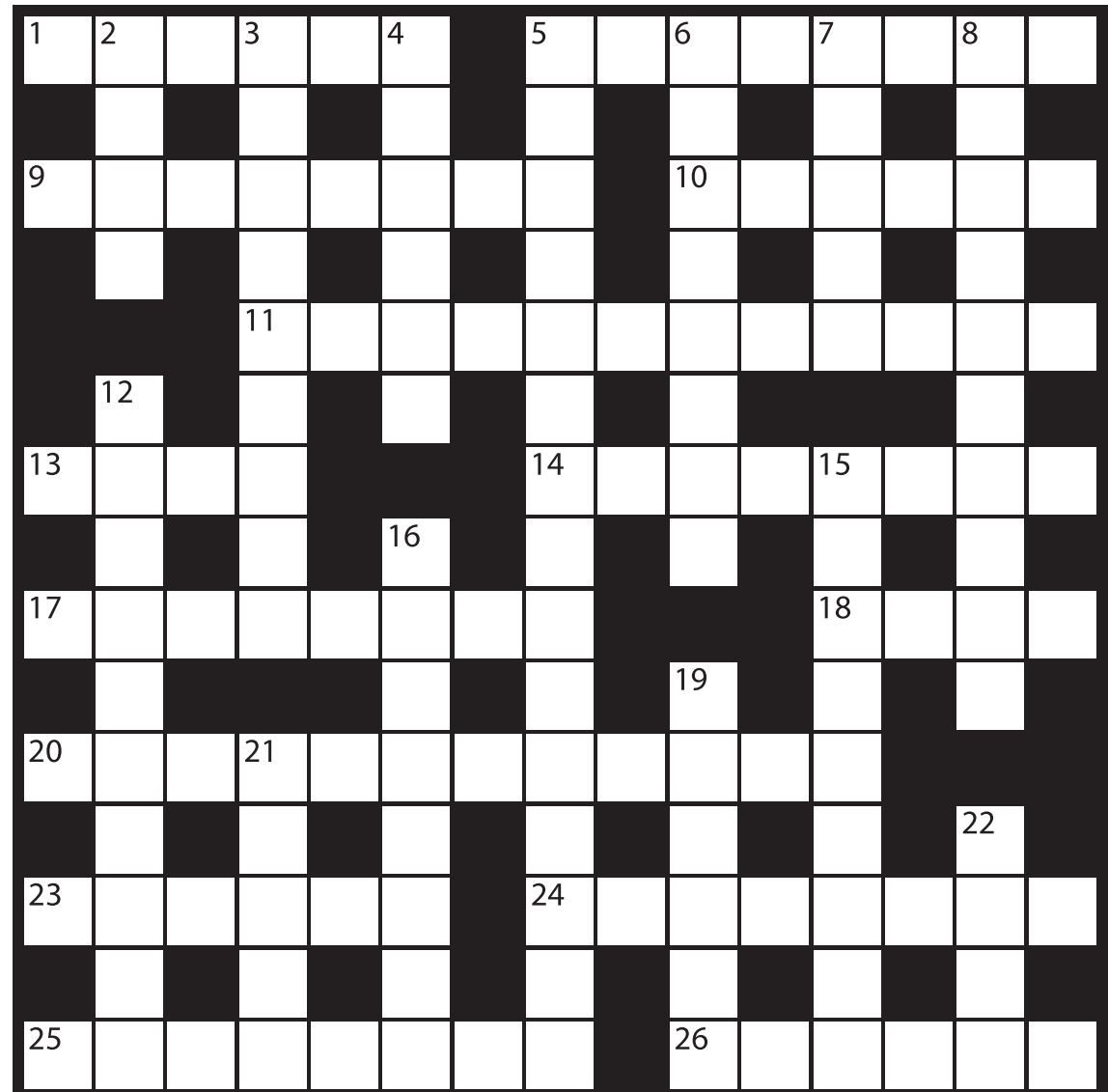
- 1 A politician is making excuses (6)
 5 Actors not in Robinson Crusoe? (8)
 9 Ironside's drink that's held in both hands (8)
 10 Rapid agent crosses river heading west (6)
 11 Liking forecast in which sleet's regularly absent (12)
 13 Story about female's spirit (4)
 14 Lawyer's new stationery is sadly lacking (8)
 17 Fundraiser to secure backing to acquire new hotel (8)
 18 Go off performer (4)
 20 Huge proclamations about losing power (12)
 23 Veto agreement to secure province (6)
 24 Lift ale, getting drunk with voter (8)
 25 Fragrance used by son causes anger (8)
 26 Religious belief is accepted by those people (6)

DOWN

- 2 Burden of love carried by youngster (4)
 3 Swear lamb is cavorting with sheep (9)
 4 Schubert's first organ piece (6)
 5 Disturbed cannibal murders four and twenty, say (8,7)
 6 Believes American power is limited by cults (8)
 7 Prevent state terrorism at first (5)
 8 Admit you're struggling in hearing test (10)
 12 Genius embracing extremely sensitive film-maker (10)

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- 15 Hit back over consumer eating dog (9)
 16 Disease from Wuhan essentially breaking records (8)
 19 Pretend to eat mushroom and swallow (6)
 21 Breed fish, reportedly (5)
 22 Two shillings for haircuts (4)