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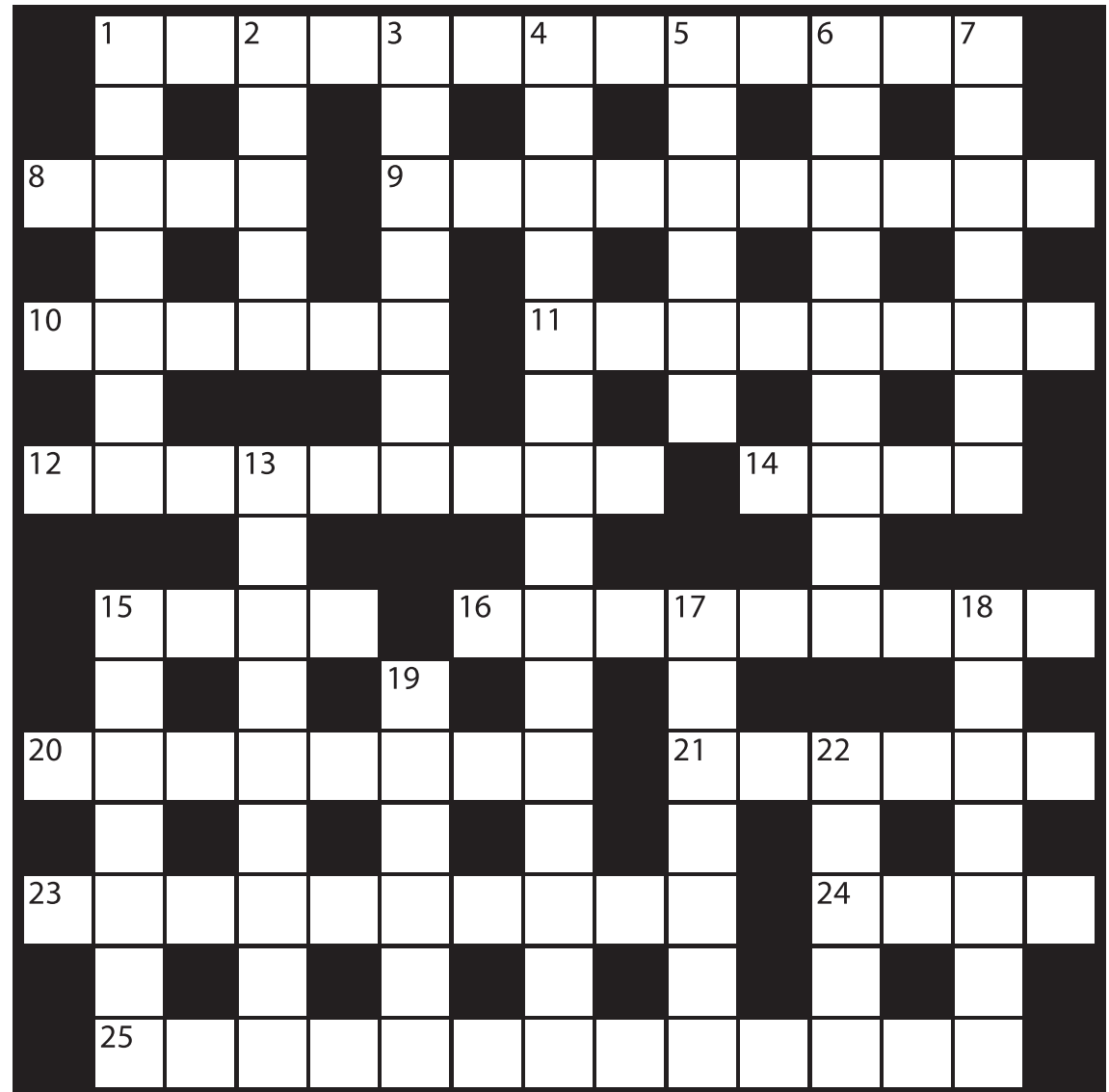
- 1 Between two cars, character heading off for game (9,4)
- 8 Plane still dull (4)
- 9 Term for flashy car parts that's not in dictionaries, sadly (10)
- 10 Releases ends of timbers stuck in bricks (4,2)
- 11 Frenchman on train is mixing drinks (8)
- 12 Observing short man yelling (9)
- 14 Appreciates accommodation (4)
- 15 Worry about opening newspaper (4)
- 16 Most unusual roads going around grassland (9)
- 20 American shot behind closed doors (2,6)
- 21 Put one's feet up in desert abroad (6)
- 23 Prophecy dividing half-cut country (10)
- 24 Retired copper following honest man (4)
- 25 Holy women need exotic fruit (8,5)

DOWN

- 1 Writer's second story about... (7)
- 2 ...records (not gramophone records), finally (5)
- 3 A posh car, only oddly lacking maintenance (7)
- 4 Reserved tremendous van - it is fantastic! (15)
- 5 Set out to entertain my companion (6)
- 6 Summarising old hat and feature of jacket, say (9)
- 7 In favour of shots in bars (7)
- 13 Burning everything in Malta? Quite the reverse (9)
- 15 Stop accepting end of Latin language (7)

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- 17 Welsh politician embraces pal; POTUS, perhaps? (7)
- 18 Female social worker gets closer to man in dodgy pub (7)
- 19 Intricately decorated clothes possibly in inheritance (6)
- 22 Stand in hedge (5)