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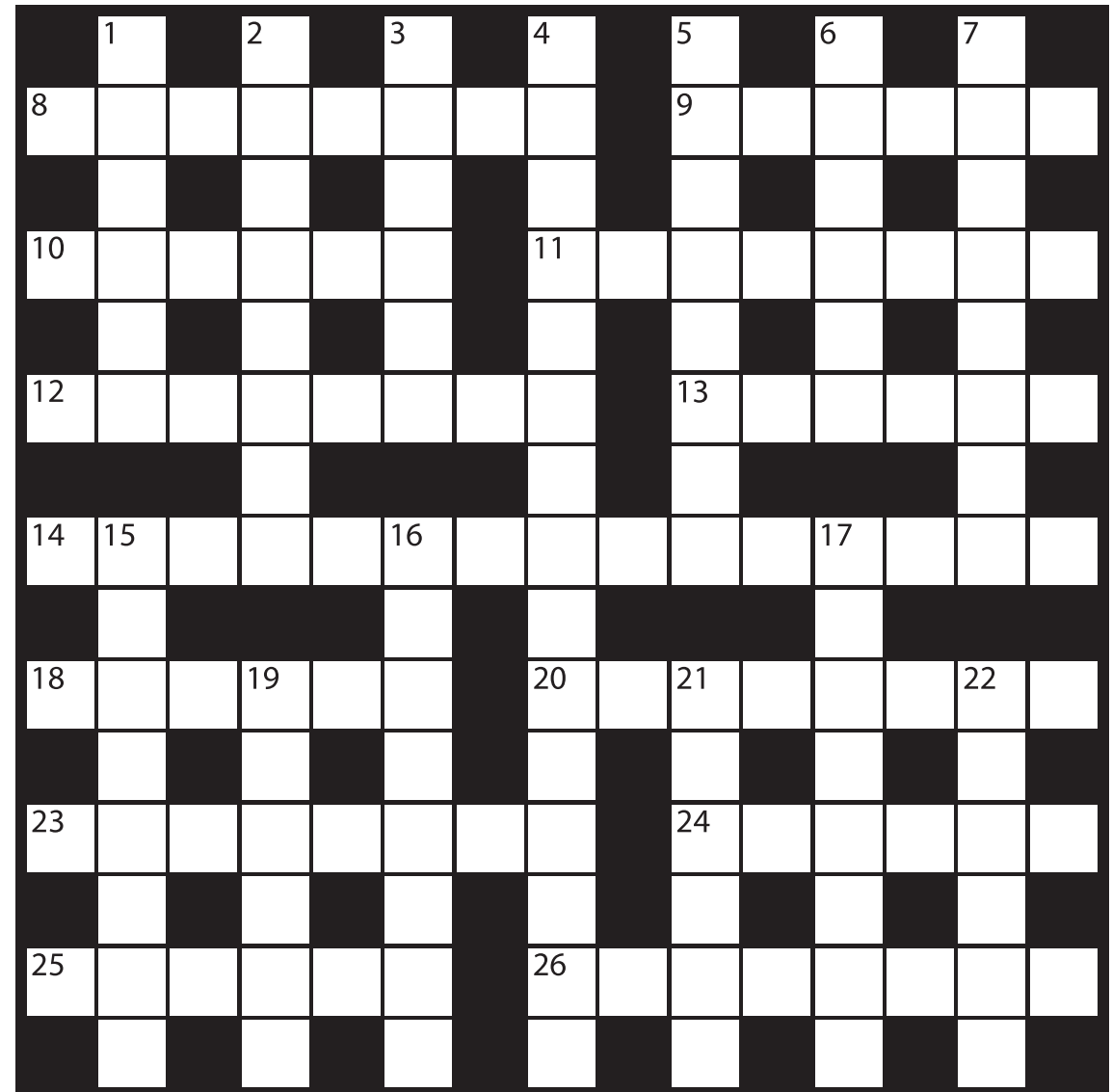
- 8 Draw out a corsair, employing bit of seamanship (8)
 9 Old jerk importing duck from a foreign country (6)
 10 Glass or paper? (6)
 11 Soldiers to secure hostile European islands (8)
 12 Bats resident brought inside (8)
 13 New school wanting head that's strict (6)
 14 Dog nearing slippers needs some training (8,7)
 18 Dry ears, every now and then, can be savage (6)
 20 Theoretical treatise written on a vacuous boss (8)
 23 Warm to one punching winner and aristocrat (3,2,3)
 24 Coat, caftan or rakish trousers? (6)
 25 Dish friend passes around The Spanish villa at last! (6)
 26 Needing to get changed, as in arid country (8)

DOWN

- 1 Give out a hint of things to come on radio (6)
 2 Old statesman and duke meeting middle-eastern citizen (8)
 3 Automotive rust possibly that's orange in colour? (6)
 4 Ran bad debts up with fake, but accommodating business (3,3,9)
 5 Bishop's affected hugely, having been assaulted by dukes (6-2)
 6 One who plays cricket for Derby in the UK (6)
 7 Rum is remote and boring in an irksome way (8)

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- 15 Guerrilla group cut down close to Yemeni hospital (8)
 16 Permit is required to enter camp in Scottish area (8)
 17 Cart con off that's smuggled one drug (8)
 19 NHS finally gives support to hearing tests (6)
 21 Celebs seen around lunchtime could be Steps (6)
 22 Port and tea popular around Arabia originally (6)