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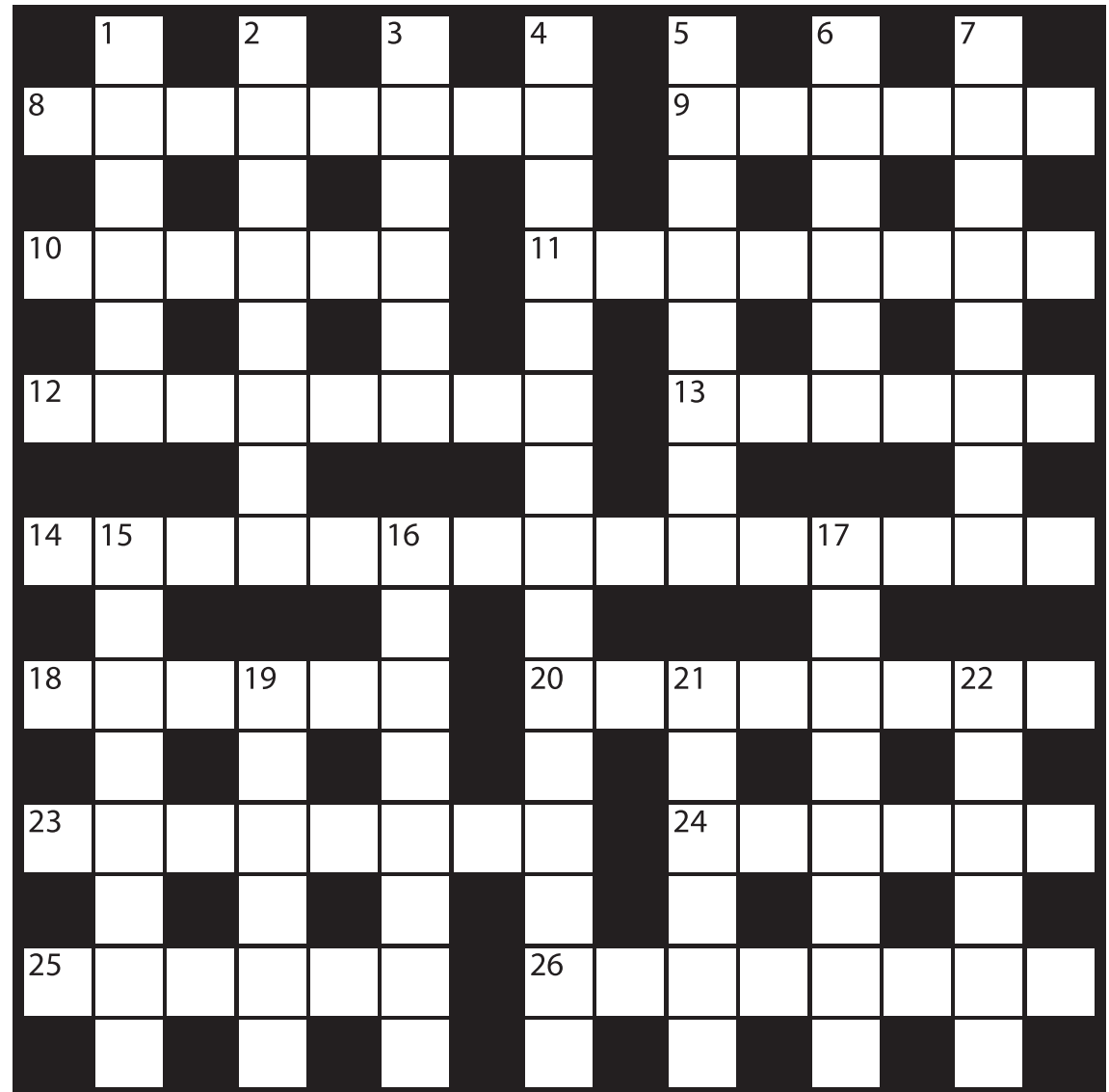
- 8 State soldiers interrupting drink party (8)
9 Parent carrying extremely delicate book (6)
10 A large drink would be fantastic - but not whisky (6)
11 Rugby players drink in gesture of cordiality (8)
12 Sniper shot leg face to face (2,6)
13 Teach one way to open zip (6)
14 Turning wheel not worth it? Give up (5,2,3,5)
18 Europeans in Glenrothes on vacation smell bad (6)
20 Obvious - vessel is to capsize (8)
23 Food to consume with a follower in shopping centre (8)
24 Good skirt getting crushed (6)
25 Excellent monarch, one beginning to challenge constitution (6)
26 Made sandwiches Mum ultimately burned (8)

DOWN

- 1 Two firms working to make cushion (6)
2 Run out carrying dull headgear (8)
3 Vessels carrying the French servants (6)
4 To nick Colombian criminal might provide closure for case (11,4)
5 Perform operation in force (8)
6 Singers and bishop meeting judge (6)
7 Drug found in empty spectacle case (8)
15 Homer's mixing with an equestrian (8)
16 Request example (8)
17 Exercises after Love Island - leotard initially not required (8)

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- 19 Unqualified conservationists in Ireland (6)
21 Dogs originally ignored birds (6)
22 Lookalike band meeting Queen (6)