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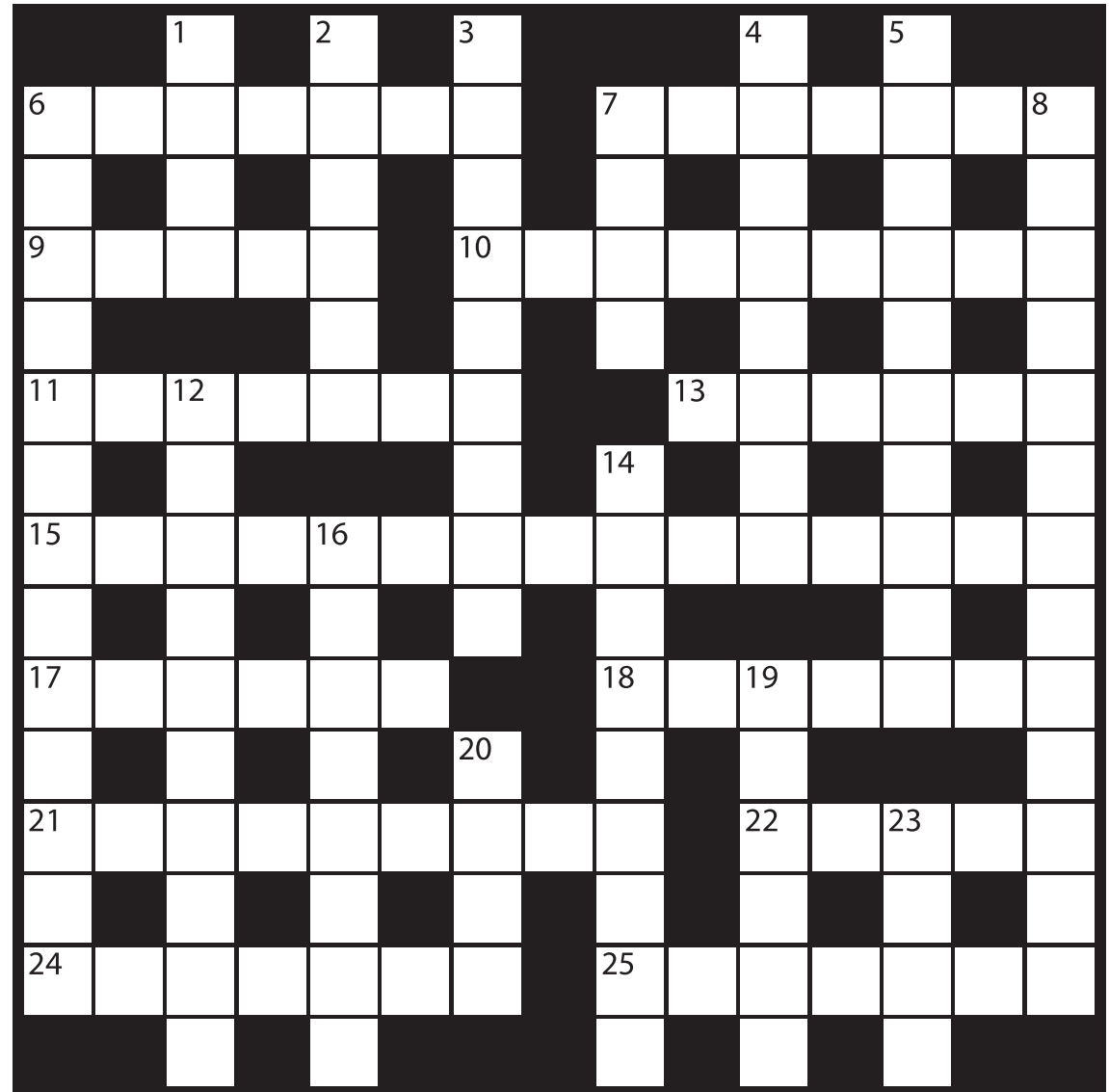
- 6 Material class 1C's beginning to absorb (7)
7 Ring half-cut para for an idea that's off the wall (7)
9 Gather lots together for a church service (5)
10 Teacher forwarding bit of mail to mother in city (9)
11 Captive from army seen by a fixer briefly (7)
13 Bit of money once injected into NFL or INL? (6)
15 More senior actor performing in entertaining spaces (10,5)
17 Times the Queen will get a rubber? (6)
18 Daily is less full of dirt than previously (7)
21 Insurgents can be huge, brutish men we're told (9)
22 Dwell smugly as animal collects mail at last! (5)
24 Cut-up pieces of spuds filled with slice of tomato (7)
25 Say I put on glasses? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Operatic number first-class artist sent up (4)
2 Rubbish, early-finishing celebrity party (6)
3 Italian painter seen with act on late broadcast (9)
4 I slander one beautiful woman in vacuous ladieswear (8)
5 Cut is sore to the touch above lower part of back (10)
6 Little athlete feet-high water swirled about (13)
7 Note seen on tree could be money! (4)

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- 8 Director or dramatist in plays (13)
12 Actor means to break city in America (10)
14 Prisoner swore having had a bang to the head? (9)
16 Looker on tourist ship in bit of make-up (8)
19 Dog loses head close to cat and baby bird (6)
20 Time to get a divorce from strongman, sadly (4)
23 Old blokes will give you a warning sign (4)