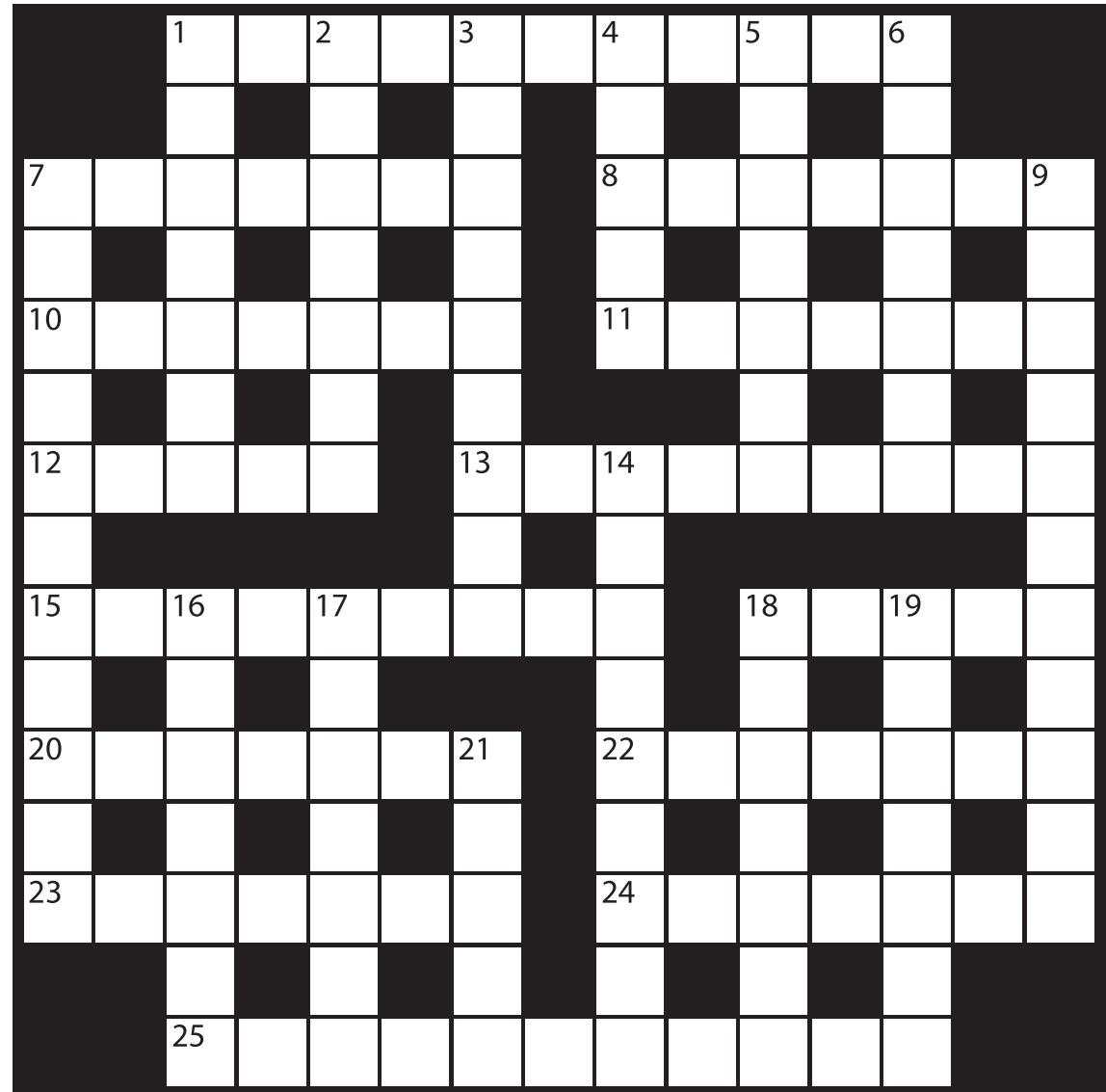


ACROSS

- 1 Answer phones after tidying out cars (11)
- 7 Caught American with most criminal ways (7)
- 8 Speech put together on ship (7)
- 10 One named negative, Boz's ultimately sombre (7)
- 11 One lifting horse, it's awkward (7)
- 12 Confuse characters in field dancing around (5)
- 13 Fun to consider people covered in rats endlessly (9)
- 15 Foolish and cocky imprisoning king (9)
- 18 With son moved to rear, drag boxes (5)
- 20 Excellent manager interrupted by right idiot (7)
- 22 Huge home housing Madame by banks of Seine (7)
- 23 Most of this run, animal's home, is dry (7)
- 24 Worst possible parts of fruit for American (3,4)
- 25 Pal, dad and I exploded with diet neglected (11)

DOWN

- 1 Like problem journalist took on (7)
- 2 Punish one curt rogue (7)
- 3 Maiden is on bishop — what way to be naughty (9)
- 4 Bold underwear on Hamish's rear (5)
- 5 Technophobe regularly did bit breaking instrument (7)
- 6 Soldiers having drop in esteem and spirit (7)
- 7 Hold restraining male insect creating impurity (11)
- 9 Bungling step, shy star dances (11)



- 14 A French toy outside isn't clean (9)
- 16 Celebrated role that is leader of department (7)
- 17 Implement unties tangled line (7)
- 18 Not all praise, tons give criticism (7)
- 19 Rather liked cool European in police squad (7)
- 21 Perform chore with oddly dirty puppy (3,2)