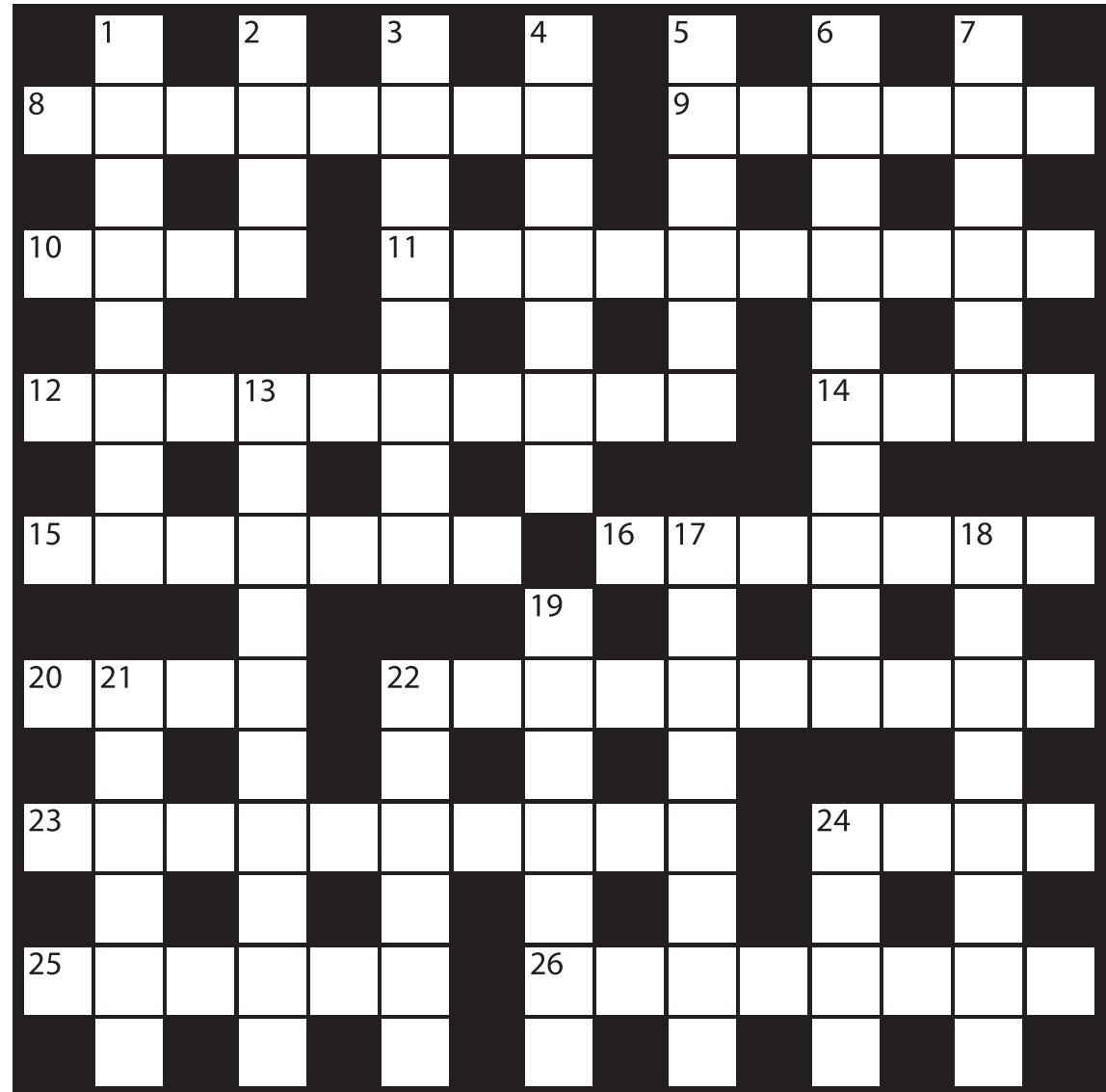


ACROSS

- 8 Veteran grandfather clock? (3-5)
- 9 Many like a city – one in South Africa (6)
- 10 Atop the church in the past (4)
- 11 Commercial undertakings are exciting things (10)
- 12 Dull advice for one who blushes too much? (10)
- 14 Gets a lot wrong for counter-tenor (4)
- 15 Go before Penny, then move back (7)
- 16 Defensive position concerning suspect (7)
- 20 Jokes, they leave you speechless (4)
- 22 Tight budget upset one's rights (10)
- 23 Get rid of poison from exotic date mixture (10)
- 24 Hot-headed and showing signs of illness (4)
- 25 Silver surrounded by mud is an illusion (6)
- 26 Huge waste in fuel (8)

DOWN

- 1 Family with nearly all the fleshy fruit make a loud continuous noise (8)
- 2 Central feature of a nasty eye (4)
- 3 I'm in a relationship that's flawed (8)
- 4 Quietly criticise the show in advance (7)
- 5 A fellow is a beautiful youth (6)
- 6 Genuine-sounding graduate forbidding minstrel (10)
- 7 Most unusual Sartre novel (6)
- 13 Odd event requires nearly everybody (10)
- 17 Wind brings flower into cathedral (8)
- 18 Ernie the slave? (8)



- 19 No charm can sway ruler (7)
- 21 Tasting of vinegar makes one twitch (6)
- 22 Small piece of offal – tiny piece (6)
- 24 Others take some relaxation (4)