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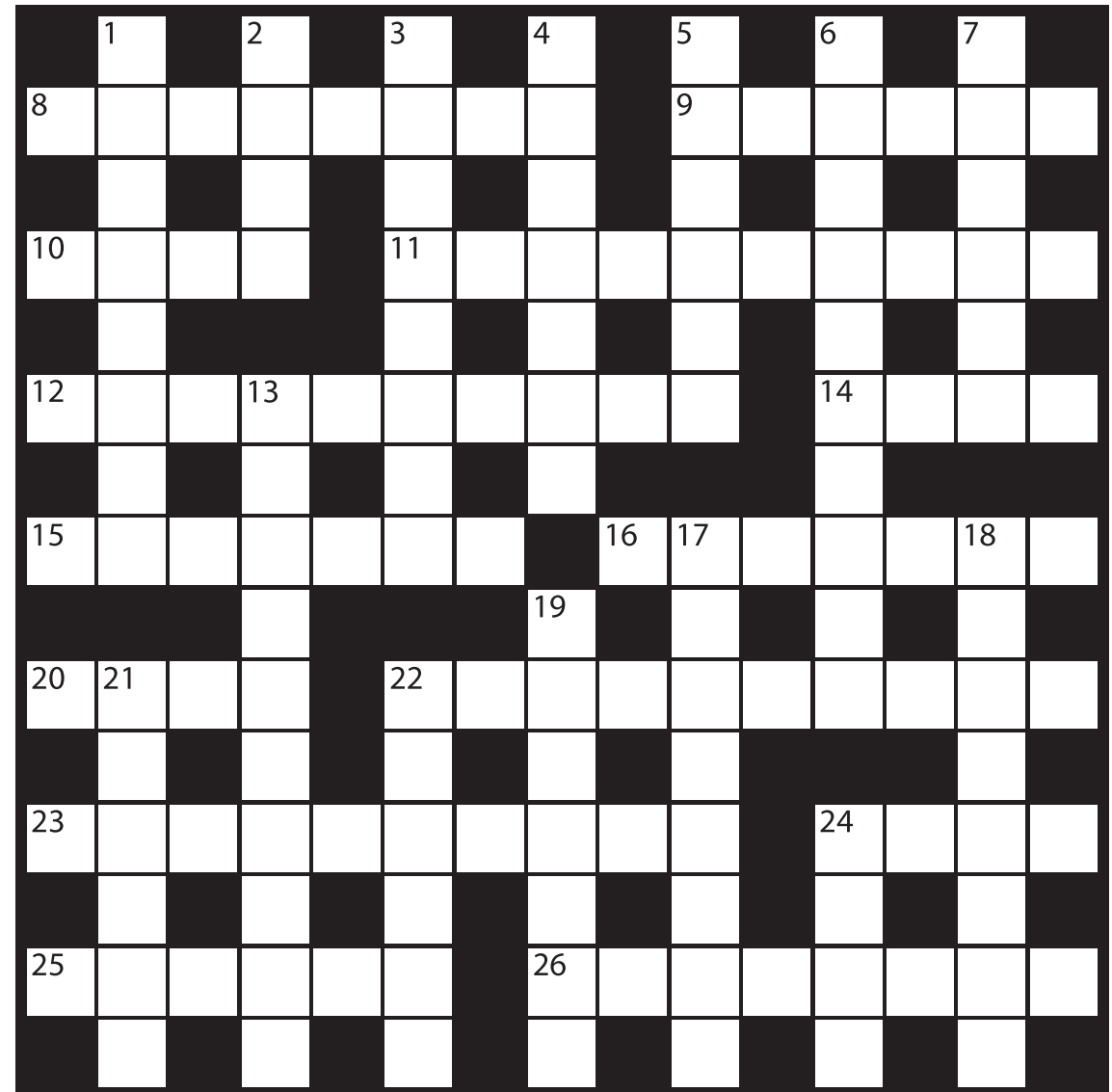
- 8 Announce publicly when in favour of mollusc (one's eaten) (8)
 9 Indifference in a way shown by last in relay (6)
 10 The sign of a saint in church – Aloysius? (4)
 11 Tenacious priest sent abroad (10)
 12 Mad Hatter, I state, is being histrionic (10)
 14 Gain from listener at end of discussion (4)
 15 Priggish person absorbing the Spanish piece of music (7)
 16 Dimwit, overweight, brought before principal (7)
 20 Boast from British paper (4)
 22 Booty left on wet blanket (10)
 23 Men with agent eg rearranging appointment (10)
 24 Cut the first of gopher wood (4)
 25 Rabbit's foot, perhaps, in mother's bed (6)
 26 Something to whet the appetite, odd pirate provided (8)

DOWN

- 1 One swimming round about deserves a break (8)
 2 Radar signal from the chopper (4)
 3 Losing head in bad temper, stupidly interfered (8)
 4 Welcome shown by English doctor to people (7)
 5 Boy surprisingly in lead (6)
 6 Leader of band that plies at sea in destroyer, say (10)
 7 Star with a black eye? (6)
 13 Loyalty, for example, in union (10)

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- 17 Everyone toted rubbish, shared out (8)
 18 A bad-tempered moment, we hear, caused by word puzzle (8)
 19 Posy could make beak happy (7)
 21 One leaves fugitive where plane lands (6)
 22 Female with crumpled hat in case (6)
 24 Endless filth's ghastly (4)