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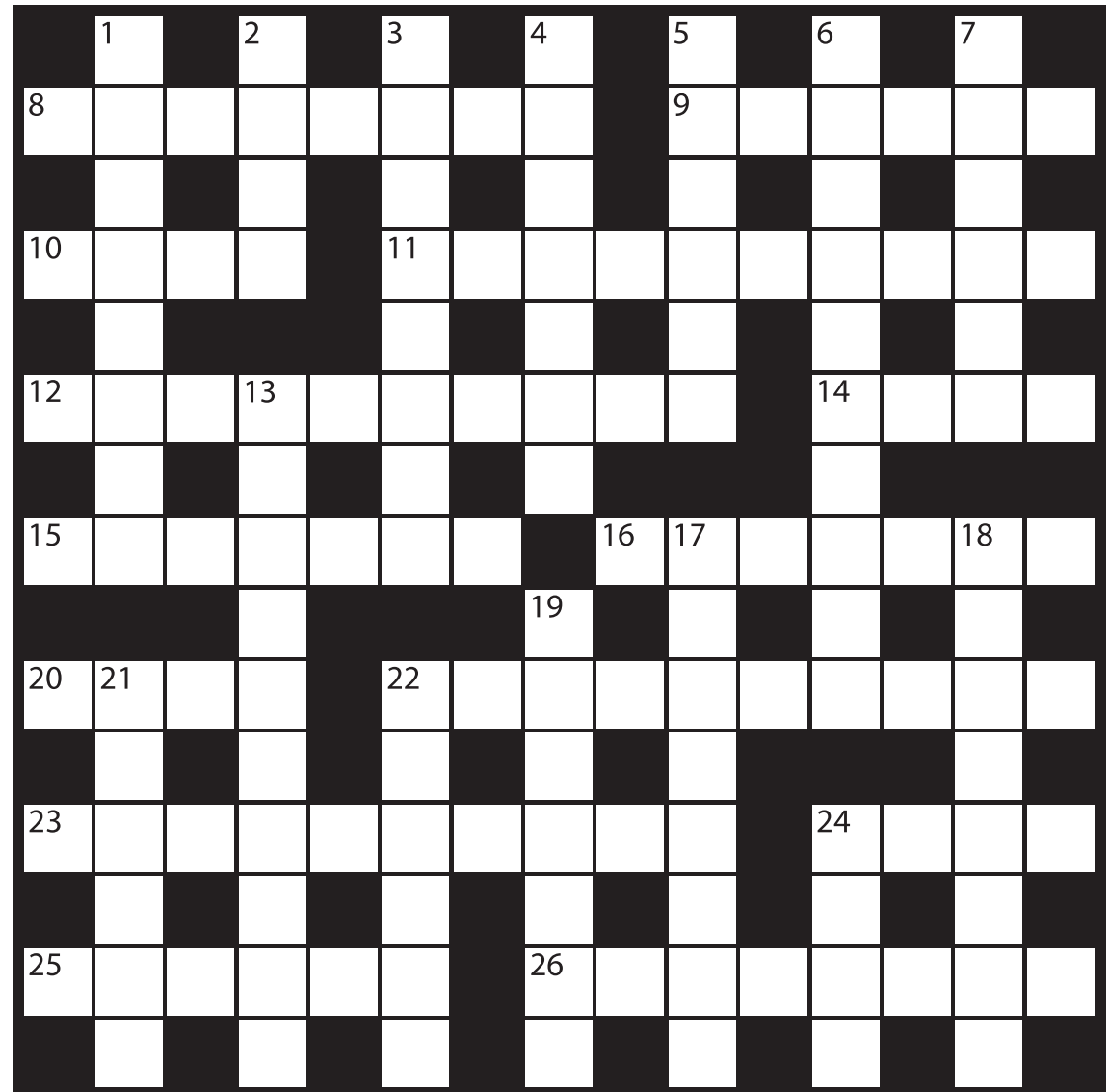
- 8 Return to cultivate fruit (8)
 9 Overjoyed with some strudel, ate dinner (6)
 10 Tedious person's drill (4)
 11 Tiny file, ie form chic, perhaps? (10)
 12 Counties including Norfolk against ale being drunk (4,6)
 14 No marines achieving the accepted standard (4)
 15 Girl's aimless movement (7)
 16 Duck to feel unwell after measure of beer (7)
 20 Man will shortly find Hades (4)
 22 Choice of piano for testimonial (10)
 23 Fruit and biscuit for Tchaikovsky's Suite? (10)
 24 Considerate sort (4)
 25 In Budapest a Tuscan has social standing (6)
 26 A number in need should be made trim (8)

DOWN

- 1 Demon ale converted to soft drink (8)
 2 Mushy peas in a church recess (4)
 3 The end of the line for school period in America (8)
 4 Thorn put right in the relish (7)
 5 Reason to mess around? The Mrs in Spain (6)
 6 Terribly ornate item, one held up by strings (10)
 7 Tie up to some gate, the ram (6)
 13 Treble rate? Clip it off (10)
 17 I shout out loud for dessert (3,5)

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- 18 Send nice letters off, though infuriated (8)
 19 Puny fellow accommodates Kenneth for two days (7)
 21 Moral justice required for actors' union (6)
 22 Quiet lift gets approval (6)
 24 Maintain stronghold in castle (4)