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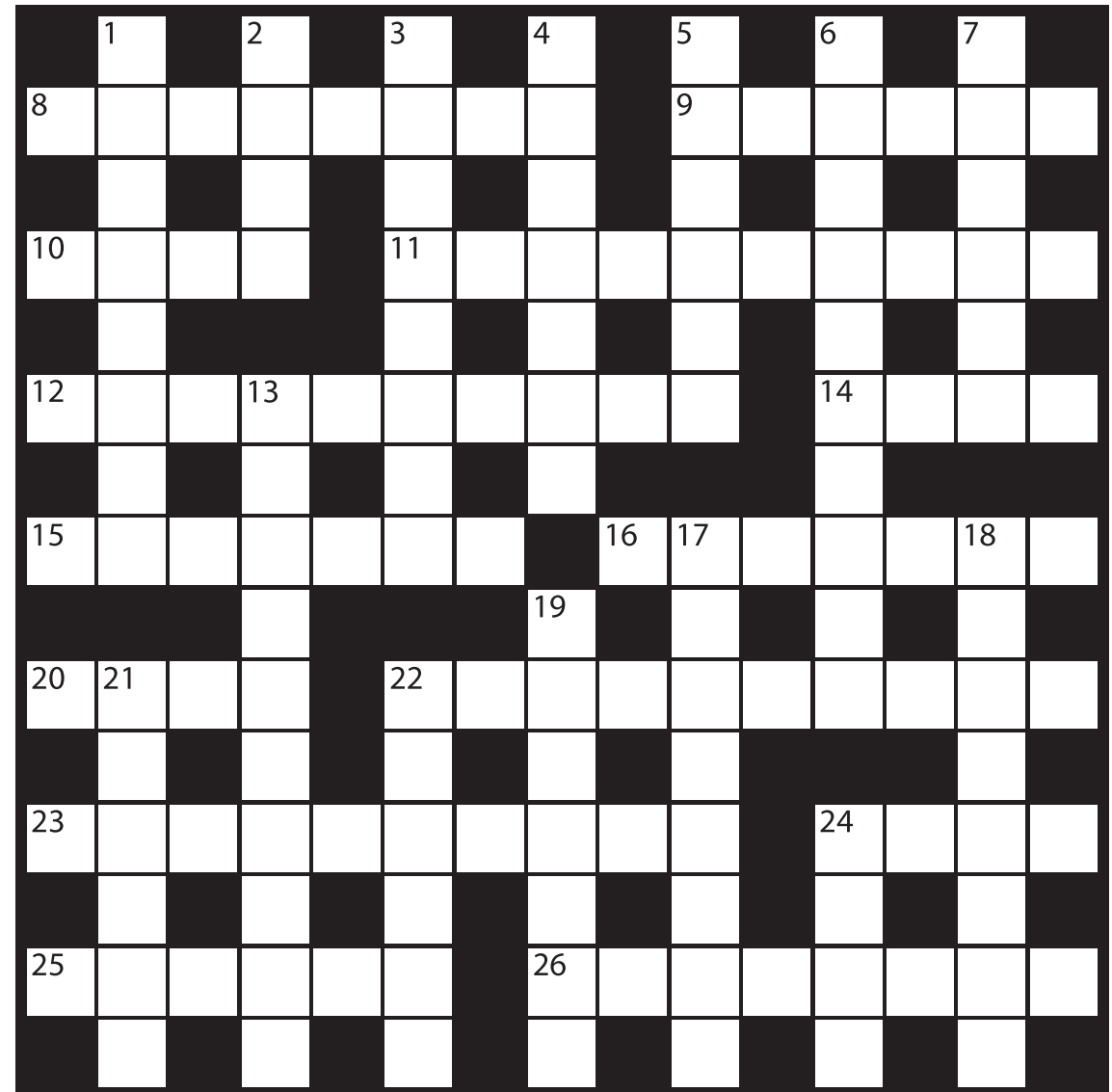
- 8 Abandoned vagrant (8)
 9 Speech-maker appearing in laboratory (6)
 10 A bit of parking skill (4)
 11 Carries out the tools (10)
 12 Transport excellent stock (5,5)
 14 Terribly wary of being crooked (4)
 15 Get professional to make it better (7)
 16 Showcase for senior MPs (7)
 20 Endless danger for sprite (4)
 22 This person has lots to sell (10)
 23 Animal catches cold in Eastern country (10)
 24 Have a meal with girl that's come over (4)
 25 US state dismissing army leader, though highly decorated (6)
 26 Hanging head like you, we hear? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Verbally attack advice from socialist (8)
 2 Deserted port (4)
 3 Churchman, one entering cathedral (8)
 4 A draught excluder is the temporary solution (7)
 5 Up-to-date style navy (6)
 6 Real action over rent (10)
 7 Clay worker to wander idly (6)
 13 A dirty coin is swapped for book of words (10)
 17 Causes a stir by setting it in stones (8)
 18 Late in the day, new head makes a regular appearance (8)
 19 One whose work is dealing with viewers' complaints (7)

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21 Lose your breath when no longer fit (6)

22 Insects concealed in runny sap (6)

24 Carry out exercises for slow-witted type (4)