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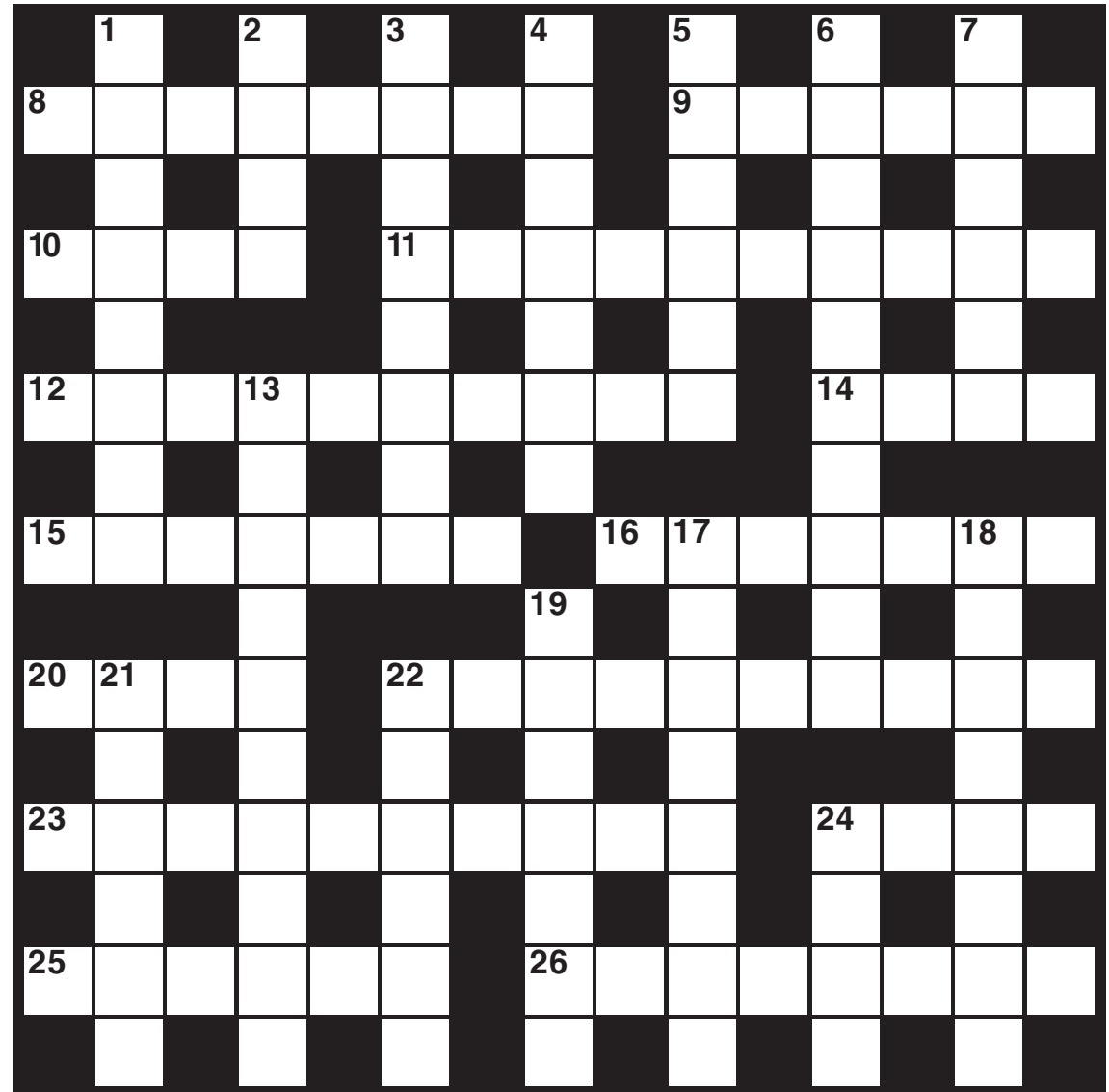
- 8 First to spot a spot of misplaced flattery (4,4)
 9 Be inquisitive about worker in food store (6)
 10 Couple's soft tune (4)
 11 Dog to leap around lake with torn hood (10)
 12 Rifle the city (10)
 14 Encounter racing occasion (4)
 15 US politician stirred up treason (7)
 16 Ineffectual advice from a conservationist? (7)
 20 Chandler holds a set of cards (4)
 22 Brightly coloured fly boatman cooked (10)
 23 Irish county fair is lower in prestige (10)
 24 Cheat gets a couple of pounds for puppet (4)
 25 A vehicle, one behind hospital in Cuba's capital (6)
 26 Ed and Norman worried, held pending a hearing (2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Explosive seen, but a lot live, incredibly (8)
 2 Celebrity making rodents upset (4)
 3 Mexican hat in grey and gold, raised (8)
 4 Gushes about opening of rose's buds (7)
 5 Spinner's pride shattered after last of sixes (6)
 6 Advise friend, off the record (10)
 7 Edge of circle surrounded by iron (6)
 13 Cautious about girl making wine (10)
 17 Tale of woe from new boss over Conservative (3,5)
 18 Awning in Dublin's put out about noon (3-5)
 19 Boy on vessel gains money prize (7)

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21 A girl on end of deck in waterproof jacket (6)

22 One in muffler put up with commotion (6)

24 Pantomime character made to perform (4)