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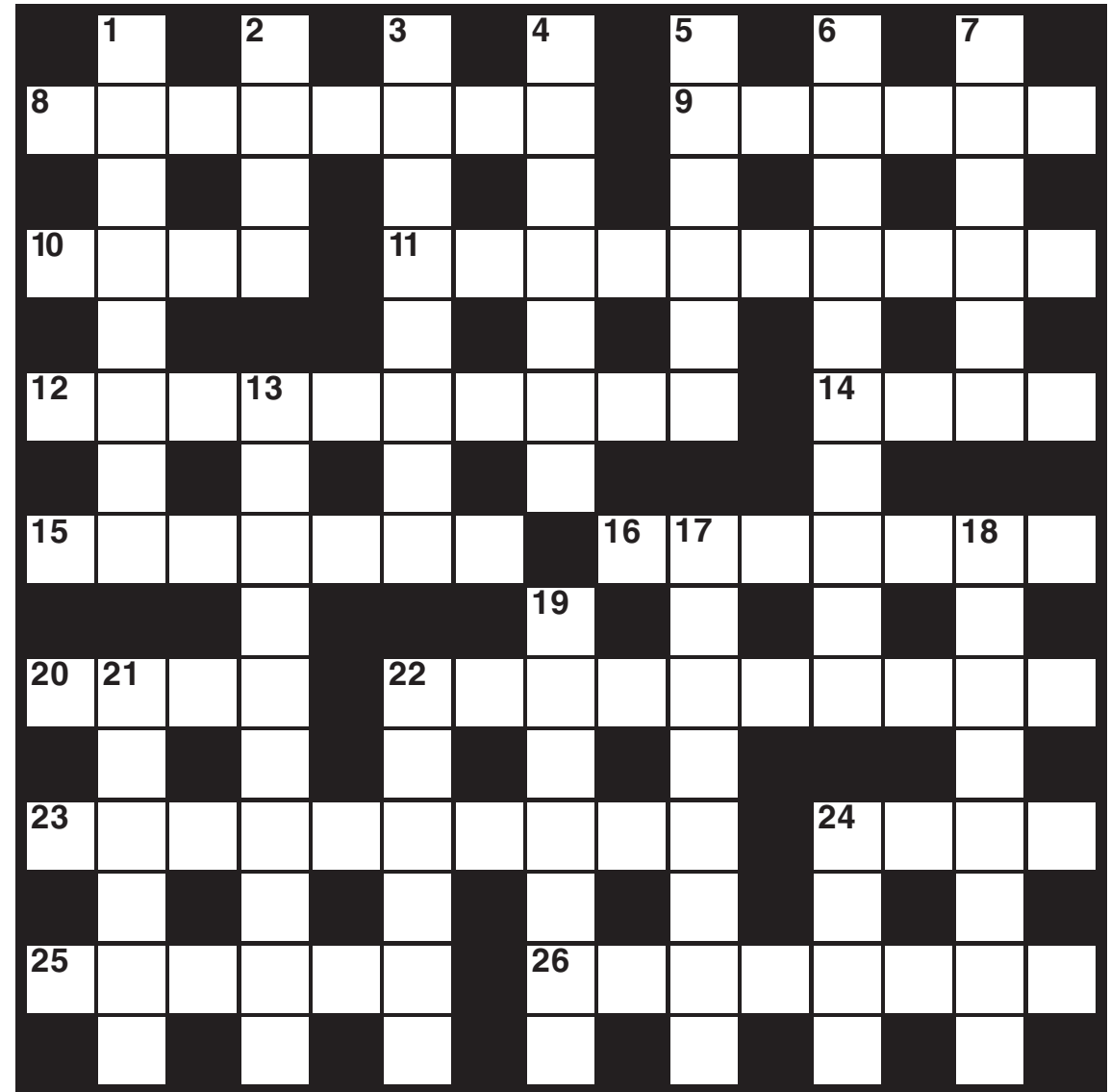
- 8 Staid set cast out with repugnance (8)
- 9 A meeting place in road (6)
- 10 Frank has nothing for writer (4)
- 11 Rule Tories broke, being hesitant (10)
- 12 An honour for speech at end of last month (10)
- 14 Thought to be almost perfect (4)
- 15 Prevented crazy despot going round park (7)
- 16 Female, one aboard potentially great warship (7)
- 20 Politician is about to find mischief makers (4)
- 22 Fine pressure for commercial vehicle (5,5)
- 23 One who has lots to sell (10)
- 24 Note French refusal before long (4)
- 25 Contemptible cheat going back with debts (6)
- 26 Noel read about Mediterranean plant (8)

DOWN

- 1 Easiest word may be mis-spelt (8)
- 2 Stagger with second barrel (4)
- 3 Reckon one million is put into property (8)
- 4 Ground for trainer exercising (7)
- 5 Minister panicked initially over crime (6)
- 6 Quasimodo, perhaps, might jog your memory (4-6)
- 7 Subtle sort of woman's fashion (6)
- 13 Work on site, causing obstruction (10)
- 17 Booked, though quiet (8)
- 18 Made to measure the last part, nothing revolutionary (8)

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- 19 Tedium of cardinal during prosperous period (7)
- 21 Rotten cast on fourth of July (6)
- 22 Bird's complaint? (6)
- 24 Tuna salad for relative (4)