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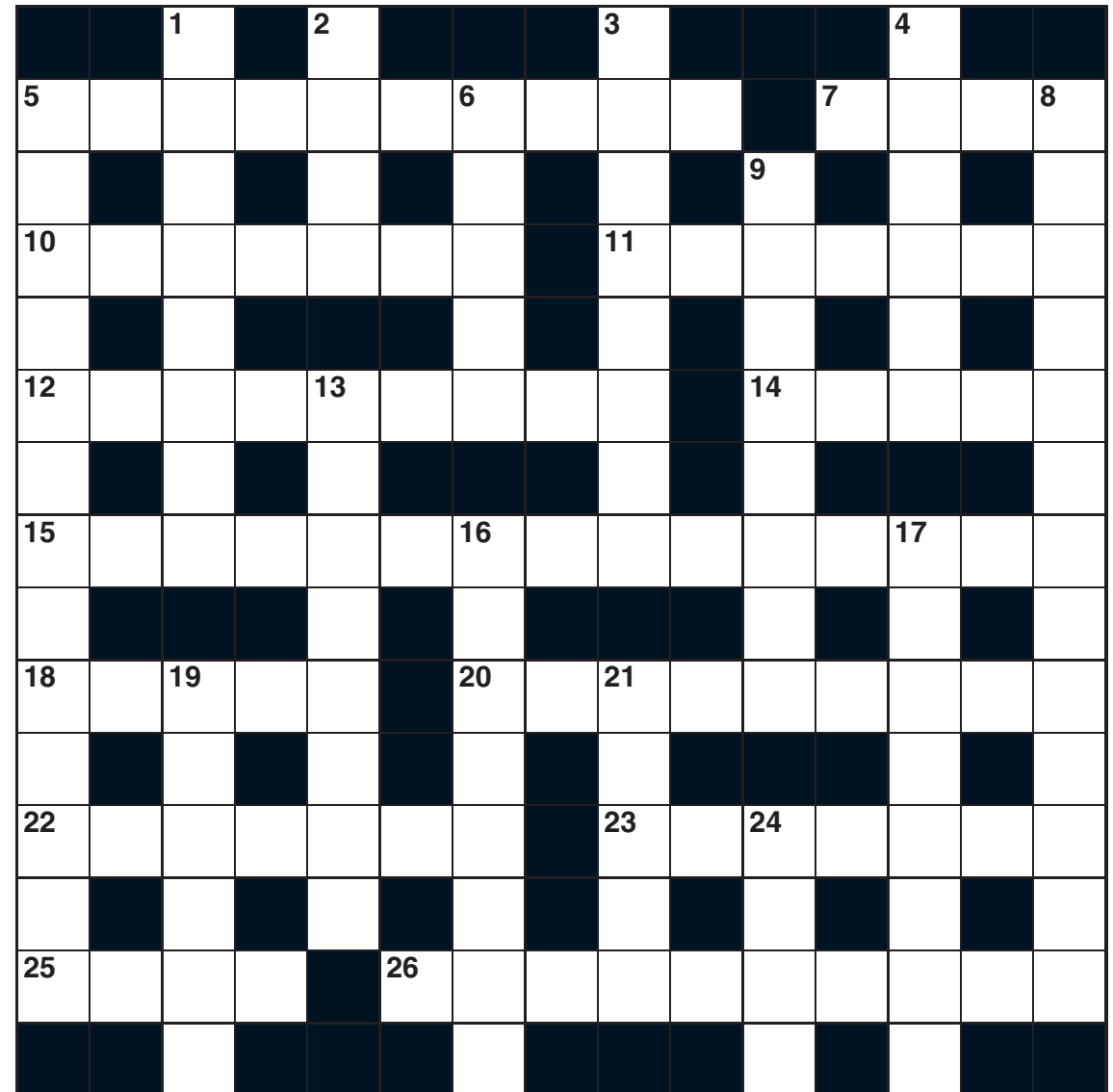
- 5 Sailor will hesitate to take allowance, but it's not the norm (10)
 7 Money in Inca's homeland (4)
 10 Mariner in cruel wreck can be healed (7)
 11 Awful lads can gossip (7)
 12 I approach home with serious intentions (2,7)
 14 Second border produces grass-like plant (5)
 15 Could be the shaggiest one, say, proverbially (2,3,6,4)
 18 Some remain troubled by opening passage (5)
 20 Take over from a slattern (9)
 22 Characters inclined to be stressed (7)
 23 Colour of blended clarets (7)
 25 Indian province, left for destination (4)
 26 History teacher is an experienced chap (4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Back with the others to take into custody again (2-6)
 2 Note central difficulty with food (4)
 3 Useless to resist artist (8)
 4 Open tin achieved (6)
 5 Claim acting is out when adjusting to temperature (13)
 6 Egotist's subject (5)
 8 Disorderly slide (6-7)
 9 Uncle Sam is stifled by unusual gases from bangers (8)
 13 Oratory that's richer to construct (8)

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- 16 Retains a different sort of well (8)
 17 Where a polenta is placed (2,1,5)
 19 Roughly beat silver drink-making product (3,3)
 21 Benefit from old savings account returns (5)
 24 Open a pot of jam (4)