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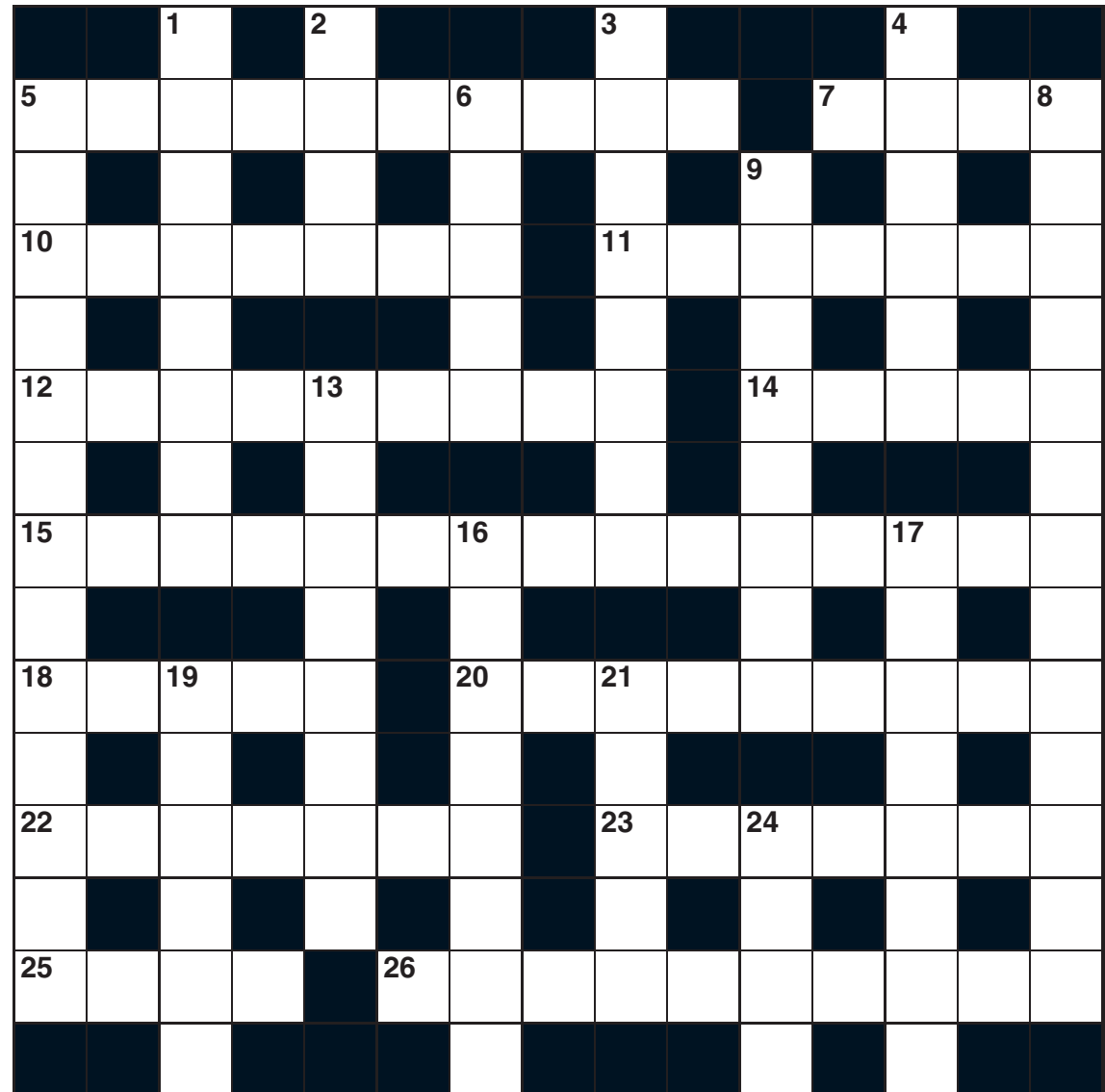
- 5 A nut in briefs and trousers (10)
 7 Composer's ice formation (4)
 10 Tract where all feet should wander (7)
 11 US city in vogue in the past (7)
 12 Endless street party getting louder (9)
 14 Poem about cinema group (5)
 15 Seeing dictators overthrown left, right and centre! (5,10)
 18 Bail out with one legal defence (5)
 20 Comedy hit with harsh criticism (9)
 22 Patient, awfully vain, shown on cover (7)
 23 Conductor who's great; most are crazy (7)
 25 Eats onions, eh? Regularly! (4)
 26 English art is confusing for people like us (10)

DOWN

- 1 American collapses privately (2,6)
 2 Man loses heart in empty boat (4)
 3 Short witty story one acted out (8)
 4 Lower the value of French headquarters (6)
 5 Space to toil in – converted cop shop (6,7)
 6 Repeatedly decimal (5)
 8 Fresh news – godson's OK? I have no idea! (8,5)
 9 Its roots prepared for rice dishes (8)
 13 Hellenic style of material (8)

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**16** A detail's sketchy, but we have an agreement (3,1,4)**17** Neglecting to ring Tim up before a bell is heard (8)**19** Put money into fashionable underwear (6)**21** Allow in to confess (5)**24** Somewhere else to house fish (4)