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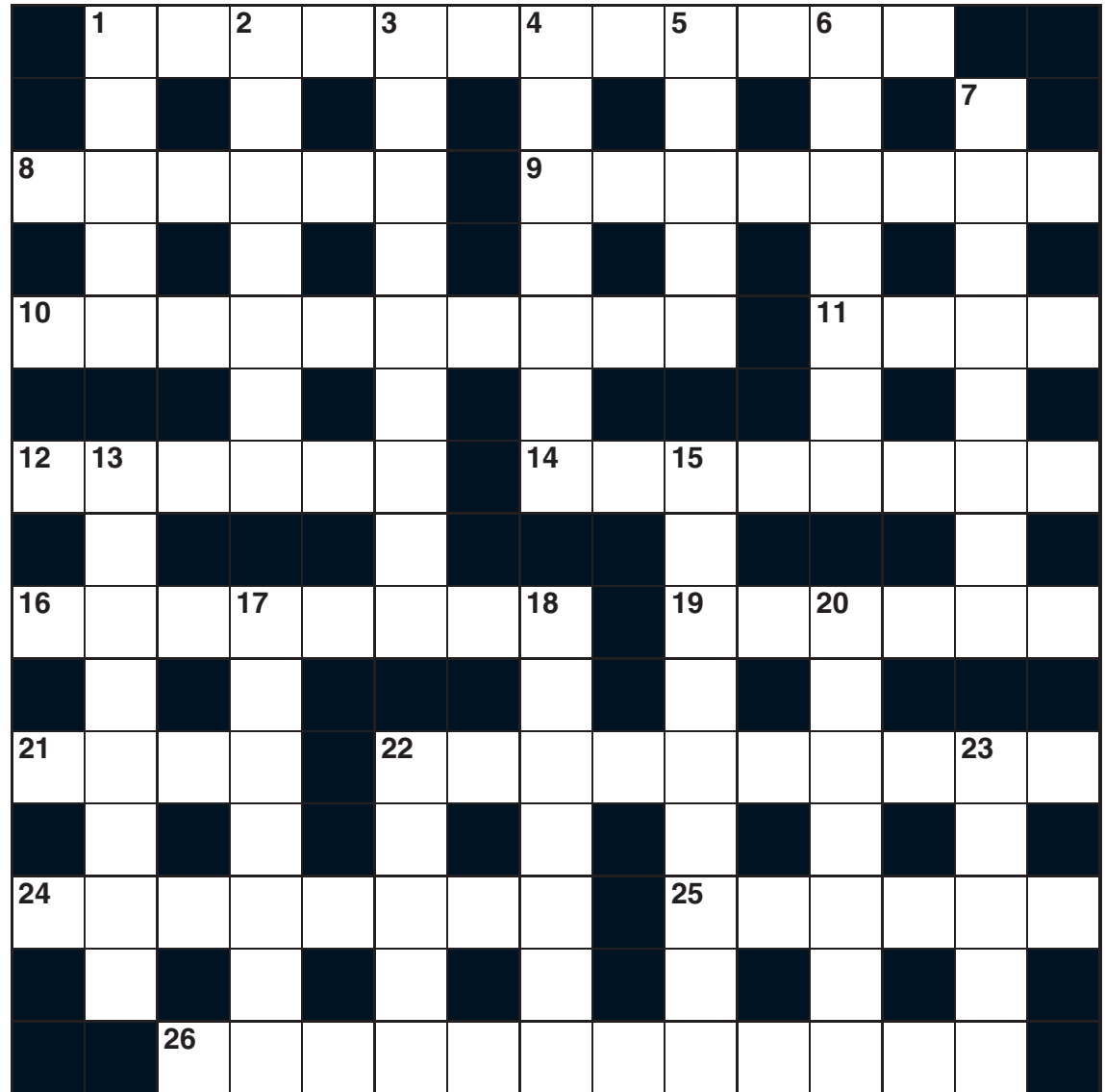
- 1 Rabble return before slob's paid off for defusing work (4,8)
- 8 Creature to march and charge endlessly (6)
- 9 One expense high up (8)
- 10 Hostile to paper contrast (10)
- 11 Spoils the planet (4)
- 12 More revolting gruel I prepared (6)
- 14 Remaining double after another rise (8)
- 16 Ornate shrines round top of cathedral, showing opulence (8)
- 19 Label inside the Spanish coat (6)
- 21 Animal entering most aggressively (4)
- 22 Deign to let the prisoner go down (10)
- 24 Non-amateur to pass conventions (8)
- 25 One sliding on ice is fish, right? (6)
- 26 Be quick to skip a payment again (4,2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Some lamb, raw, needs muscle (5)
- 2 Boy needs one drink (7)
- 3 Old penny is price for release (9)
- 4 Corrupt son involved in games curtailed fund (7)
- 5 Deliveries of love poetry, mostly (5)
- 6 Humbled by tree above a sea (7)
- 7 Like a poet with incredible aura – elite, not !! (8)
- 13 Try gel, it could be sparkly (8)
- 15 Novelist destroyed sonnets about wartime victory (9)

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- 17 Late afternoon meal I hate thrown around good hospital (4,3)
- 18 One-time garment (7)
- 20 Sun god lifted brace to bright light (3,4)
- 22 Place to hide money, it's said (5)
- 23 Wanting river to rise in New York (5)