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7 Heavy blow (6)
8 Brazenly (6)
9 Very eager (4)
10 Charged particle (3)
11 Person aged over twelve and under twenty (4)
12 Alter (6)
14 Old farmers or royal attendants (6)
16 Variety of French brandy (6)
19 Human digit (6)
21 Protest strongly (against) (4)
23 Tights ladder (3)
24 Canal feature (4)
25 Universe (6)
26 To a higher place (6)

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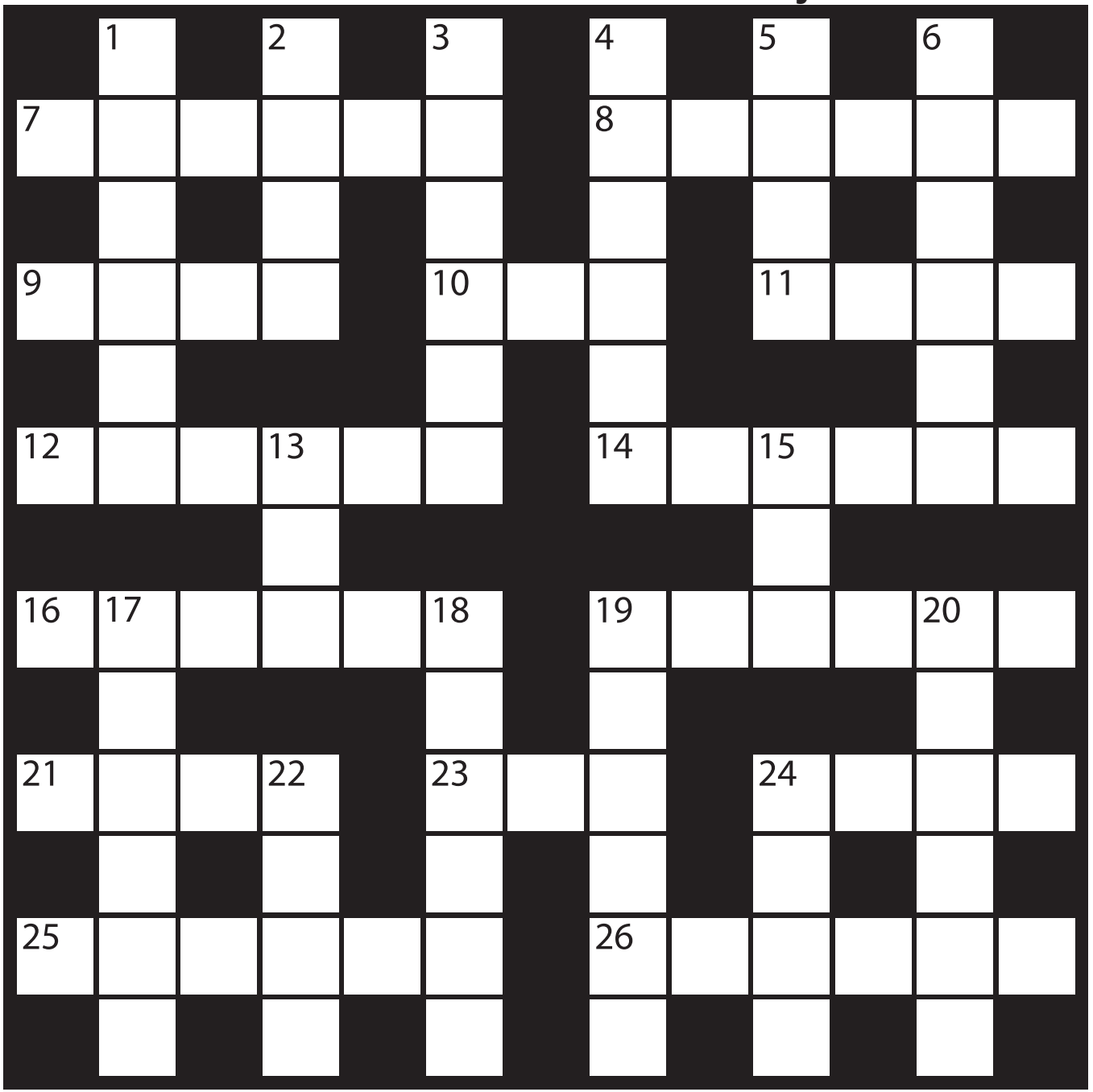
1 Tattered, frayed (6)
2 Wooden shoe (4)
3 Raise (6)
4 Brand-name coconut chocolate bar (6)
5 Butcher's product (4)
6 Claim, assert (6)
13 Tea-making vessel (3)
15 Possess (3)
17 Skilled speaker (6)
18 Endearing touch (6)
19 Any mushroom-like organism (6)
20 Person accompanying another (6)
22 Citrus fruit (4)
24 Cultivated grass (4)