## ACROSS

**8** Natural fuel source (3,4)
**9** Legal plea of having been elsewhere (5)
**10** Cringe (5)
**11** Funnel-shaped typhoon (7)
**12** Pitiful, worthless (12)
**16** Racing and message-carrying bird (6,6)
**20** Inkling (7)
**23** Skin on which head hair grows (5)
**24** ___ Oyl, girlfriend of Popeye (5)
**25** Indifferent to pleasure or pain (7)

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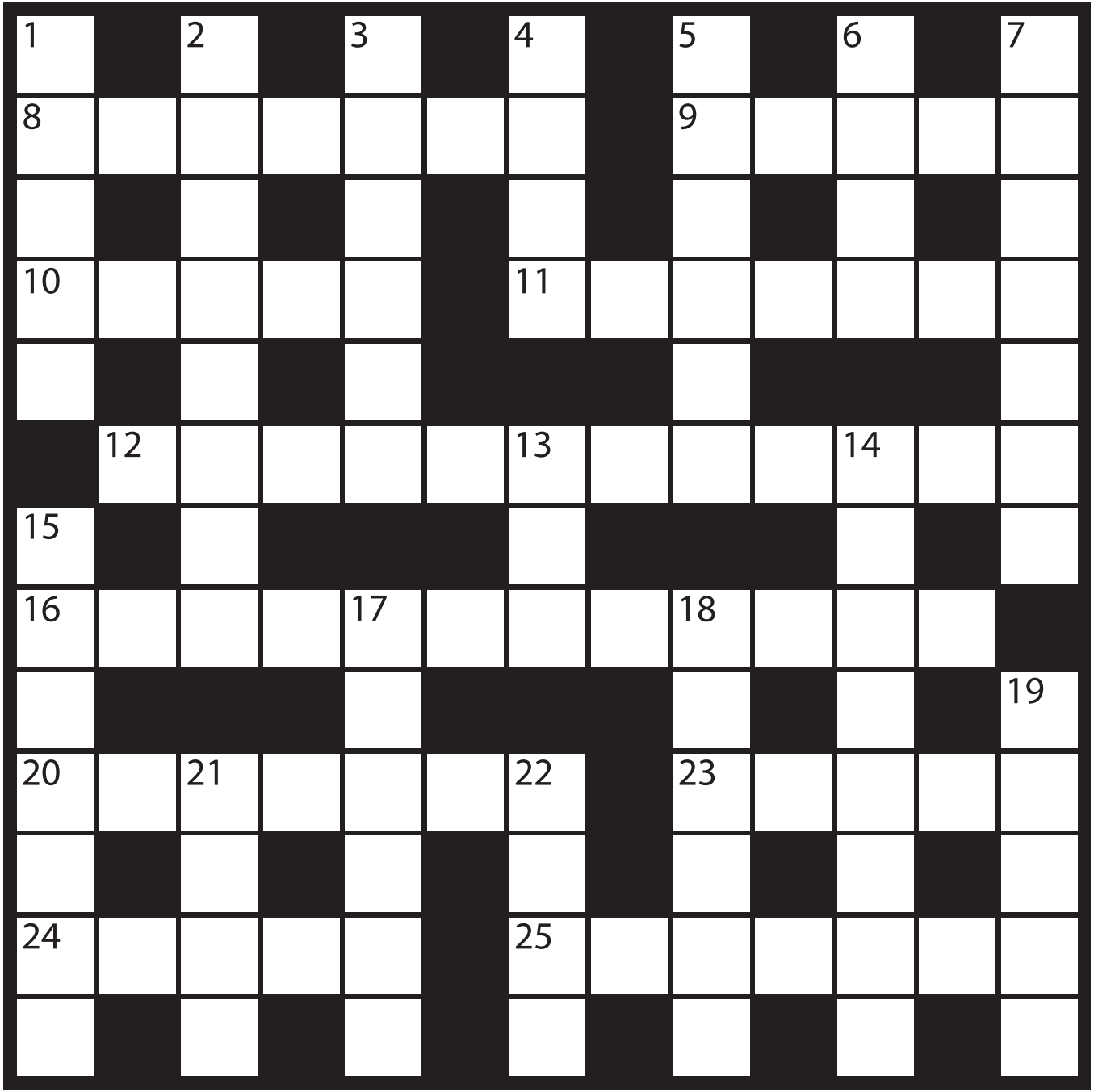
**1** Battery-powered light (5)
**2** Luminescent beetle (4-4)
**3** Confidential (6)
**4** Thin strip of wood (4)
**5** Imitative bird (6)
**6** Travel document (4)
**7** Gain support by persuasion (3,4)
**13** Thick head of hair (3)
**14** Lightness of spirit (8)
**15** Knot of hair at the nape of the neck (7)
**17** Figure, quantity (6)
**18** Form of workplace protest (2-4)
**19** Recited letter by letter (5)
**21** Coloured part of the eye (4)
**22** Marsh grass (4)