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1 Gruesome (7)
5 Hut made from logs (5)
8 Implied (5)
9 ___ Marx, cigar-smoking comedian (7)
10 Word or phrase used about a person (7)
11 New York harbour isle (5)
12 Ridicule of folly (6)
14 Fell behind (6)
18 Comedy of extravagant humour and buffoonery (5)
20 Wrinkle (7)
22 What's-his-name (2-3-2)
23 Military classes (5)
24 Lean forward (5)
25 Opening words of a formal letter (4,3)

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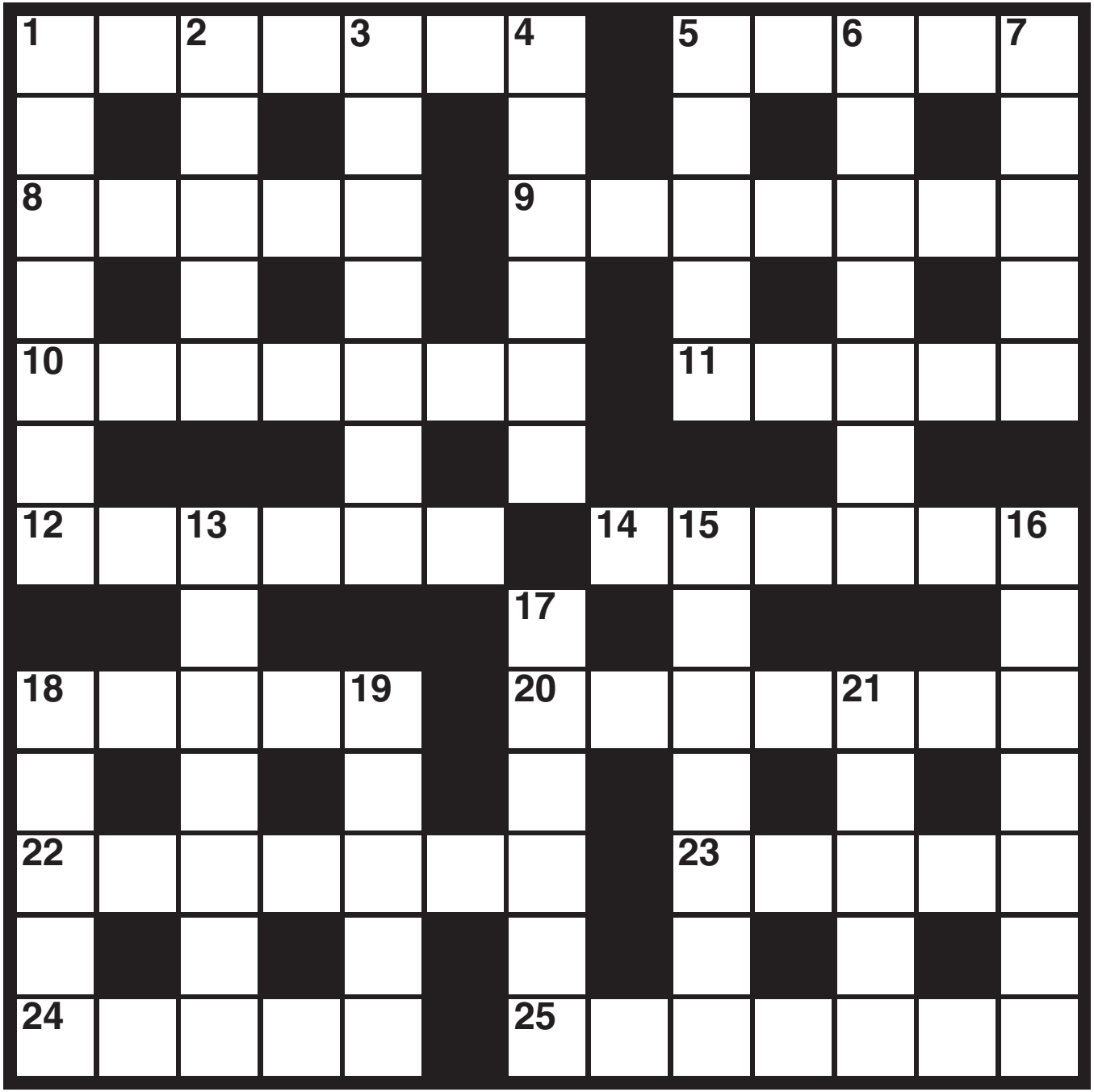
1 Says in an unclear way (7)
2 Prickly desert plants (5)
3 Person who sells meat (7)
4 Age at which you become an octogenarian (6)
5 Opposite of 'open' (5)
6 Pile of unfinished work (7)
7 Alcoves (5)
13 Destructive whirlwind (7)
15 Fish-tanks (7)
16 Star's wardrobe assistant (7)
17 Repeated (6)
18 Joins (metals) (5)
19 Arrive (3,2)
21 Liquid measures (5)