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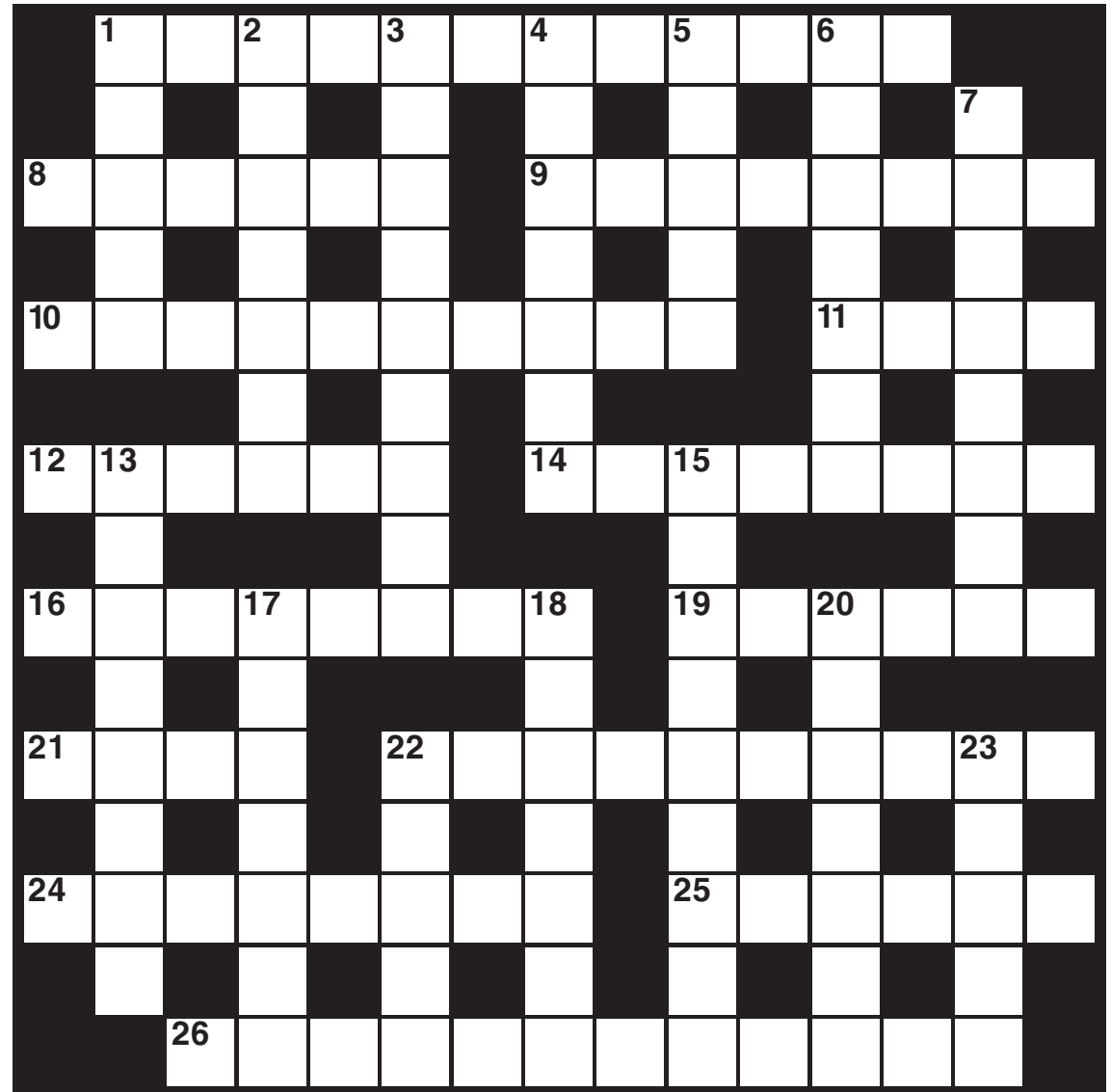
- 1 Loving to make taffeta on ice! (12)
 8 Extreme fear when leaders of Hungary and Oman by mistake decapitated (6)
 9 The way in which you'll have to reverse (3-2-3)
 10 New measure brings the tavern cheer (10)
 11 Some uncouth, ugly and violent criminal (4)
 12 Hard to keep in step, seeing cord (6)
 14 Speed up former exercises before tide turns (8)
 16 Nurse, I've broken everything (8)
 19 First coat of paint is best quality, right? (6)
 21 Fit for a source of water (4)
 22 Star is paid to remove house plant (10)
 24 Mother to think about spicy ball (8)
 25 Archdeacon in diocese in a fair way (6)
 26 Over-emotional actor, dilemma possibly (12)

DOWN

- 1 A painful thing which becomes an oak? (5)
 2 Conifer's outcome? (3,4)
 3 I can order spicy flavouring (9)
 4 Tend to upward slope (7)
 5 Some funny, long stocking material (5)
 6 Gave medical help – for nothing? (7)
 7 The French stick to small container, say (8)
 13 Parasite on the Tube? (6-2)
 15 Unfulfilled fancy of the sleeping smoker? (4,5)

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- 17 Convict taken in by horrible rural community (7)
 18 Salesman in Rome returned for a sovereign (7)
 20 Examine crawler with soft inside (7)
 22 German car – ring regarding sound (5)
 23 What's left covered by inshore licence (5)