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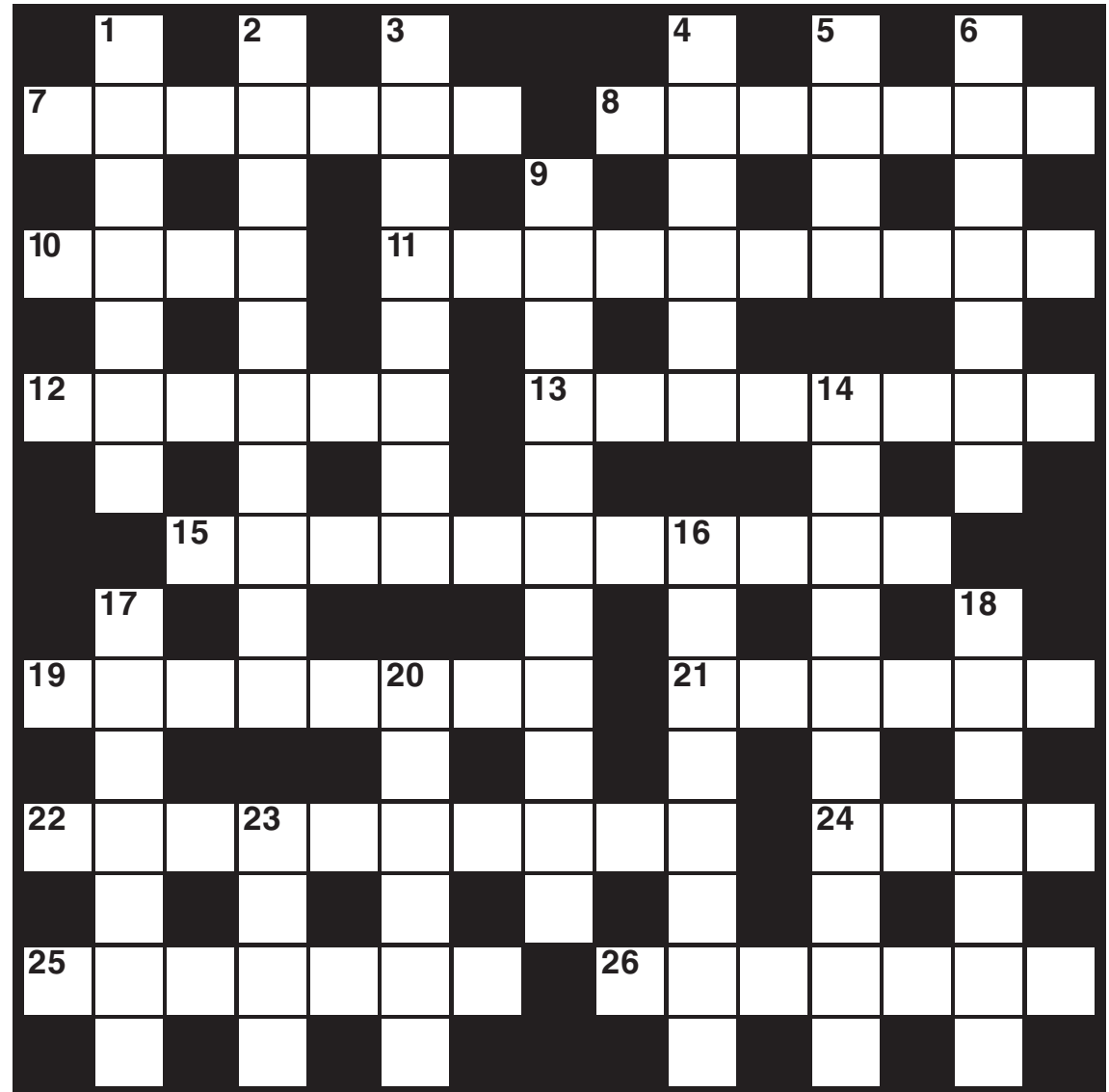
- 7 Deny state profit firstly (7)
 8 Sweet couldn't be plainer! (7)
 10 Mystic bear? (4)
 11 Biscuit with trifle, none prepared (10)
 12 Exist on wooden flooring – spruce? (6)
 13 Taking a drink in the home is most objectionable (8)
 15 Financial manager seen in a greengrocer's shop? (4,7)
 19 Shouter maintaining model, one with a set of rules (8)
 21 Glide along with exceptionally short shirker (6)
 22 Surprisingly gentler aim of an army unit (10)
 24 Paintings, yes, are creative (4)
 25 Cultured friend translated English entry (7)
 26 Linespeople (7)

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- 1 Neat boy could become a blade (7)
 2 Popular bond, it's covered persuasion (10)
 3 Fin lacks rough leather (8)
 4 Leaves political party (6)
 5 Swiftly move fifty into well (4)
 6 No sense spoiling unity (7)
 9 Where things descend to if unpretentious? (4,2,5)
 14 Sure to happen as a result of one with broken vein on board (10)

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- 16 Cosy baby bird (8)
 17 Climber's soft shoe (7)
 18 Items of post for the leaseholders? (7)
 20 Referee almost destroyed jacket (6)
 23 Bird ribs dish unlimited (4)