

**ACROSS**

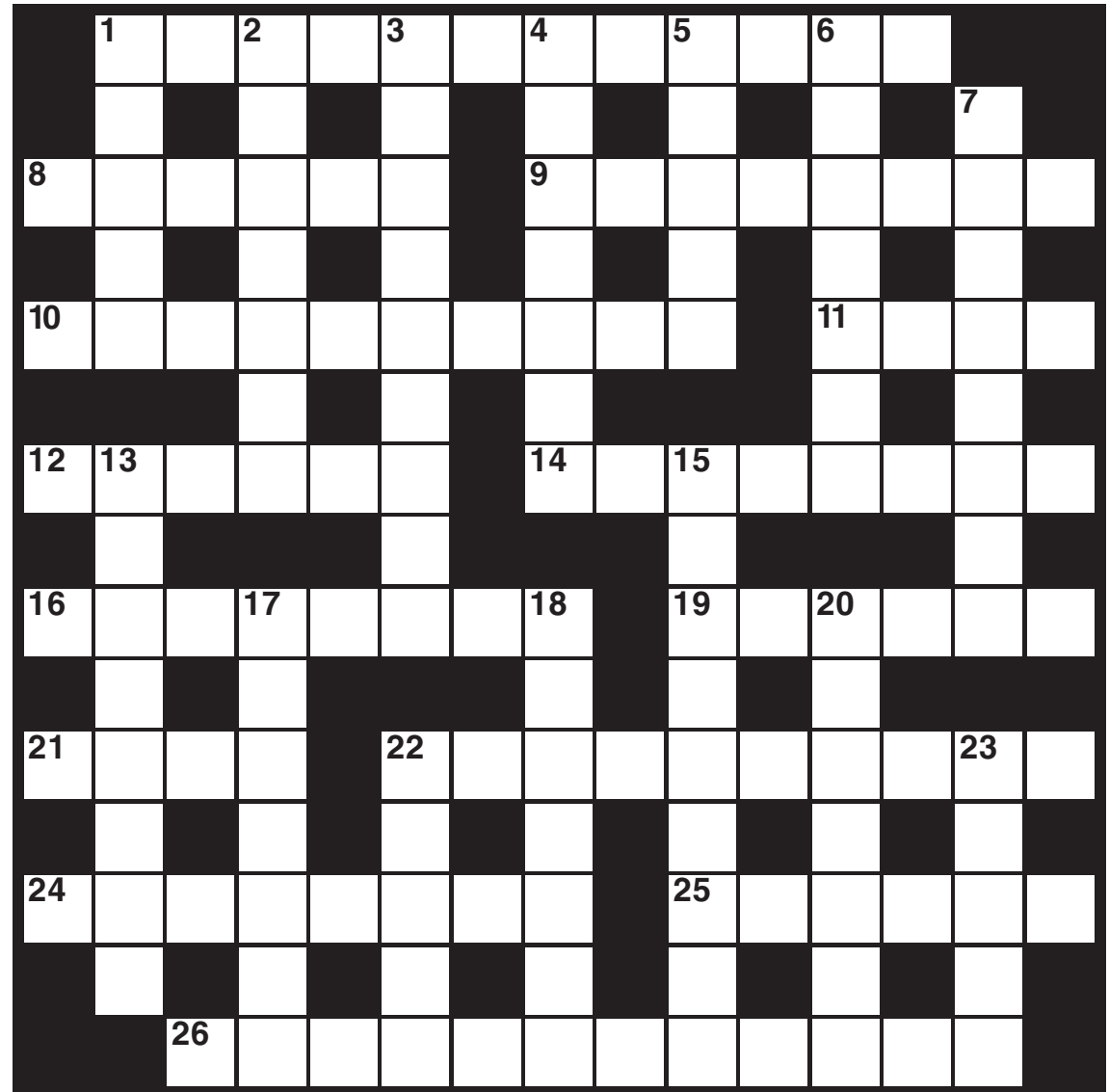
- 1 OK, as it's maybe where things are made (12)
- 8 Thinly scattered boxes at the point (6)
- 9 Open about being bald? (8)
- 10 Polite word left within the lower classes (10)
- 11 Quiet lip is somewhat prudish (4)
- 12 Be there at a race before the finish (6)
- 14 Cricket ground's trendy address for aristocrat (8)
- 16 Organ with care prepared in cooking vessels (8)
- 19 Importance of western figure (6)
- 21 Social climber is back in the club on Sundays (4)
- 22 Secret barrier I would enter beyond study (10)
- 24 Congratulations! That's not rare (4,4)
- 25 Prepared for publication – it is indeed corrected (6)
- 26 Honest physicist loses one novel (12)

**DOWN**

- 1 Throw out pleas for flower part (5)
- 2 Two sailors point to fish sauce (7)
- 3 King and journalist in seat run away (9)
- 4 A victim goes to a large meeting, endwise (7)
- 5 Set to inform your leader (5)
- 6 Cooking instructions should be terribly precise (7)
- 7 Satanic wickedness embraced by beautiful person (8)
- 13 New recruits get shower in northern river (8)
- 15 Argument, racket and shambles doesn't begin to describe boisterous behaviour (9)

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- 17 One working at last (7)
- 18 Seeing that engineers are without deceit (7)
- 20 I see Tim struggling to make a list (7)
- 22 The sovereign's hit on the head (5)
- 23 About to list blank (5)