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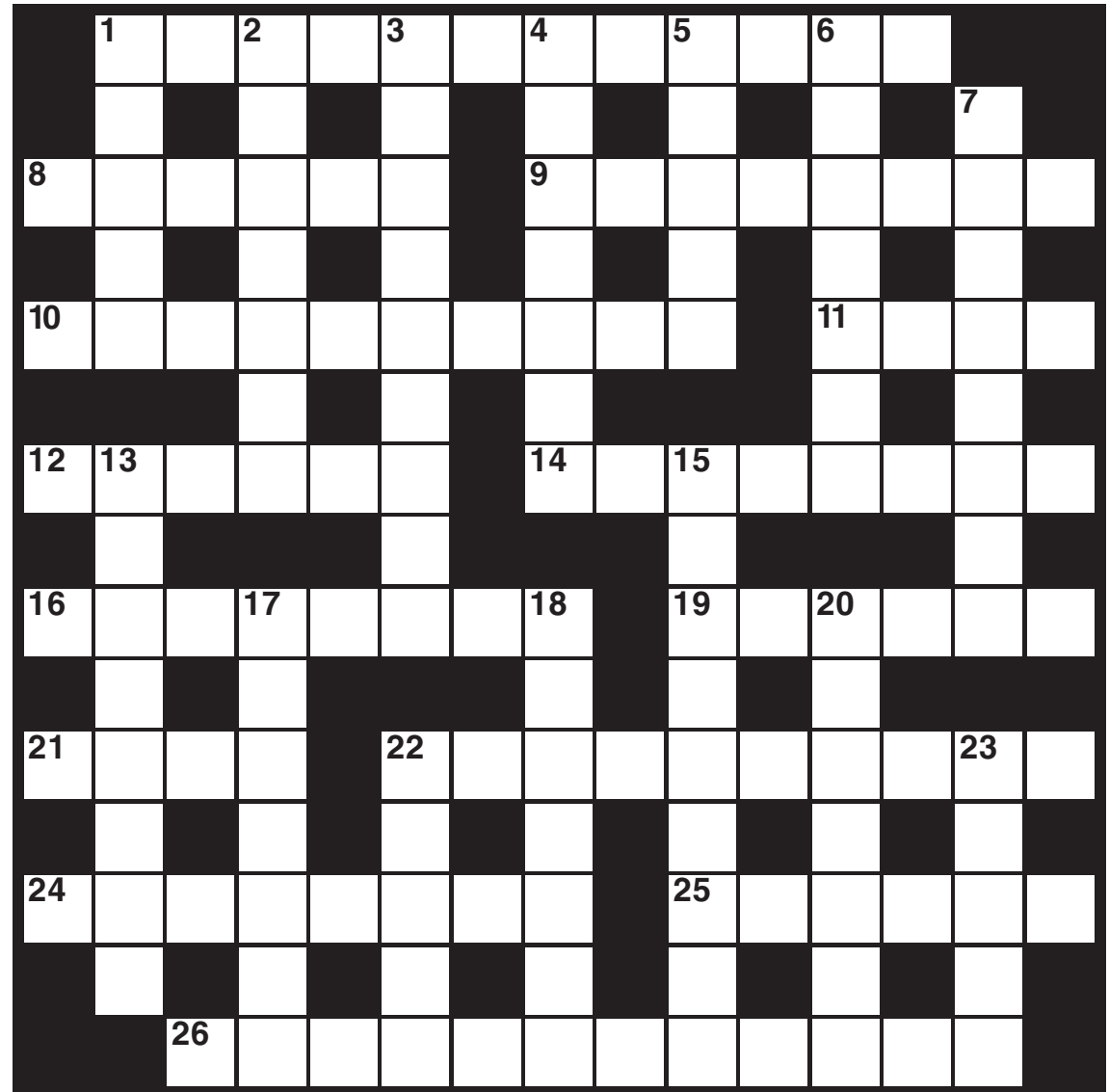
- 1 Pet topic, rash, wild and disastrous (12)
- 8 Office imitator? (6)
- 9 Gentle sound split inside when rudderless (8)
- 10 Tapestries removed for saucy show (10)
- 11 Tree with one rook (4)
- 12 Bound to warble about electoral system (6)
- 14 Sir's date turns out a catastrophe (8)
- 16 In favour of pipes being commodities (8)
- 19 A stubborn type beginning to trust lucky charm (6)
- 21 Unable to hear fade-out (4)
- 22 Churchgoer making proper wish (10)
- 24 Taxi returns with weight of diamonds for card game (8)
- 25 Attempt to keep conclusion with it (6)
- 26 Exchanging penny, miser on to nice little earner (5-7)

DOWN

- 1 East European river in film (5)
- 2 Capital, is it holding politician back? (7)
- 3 Planned to put a sheep in nearly harsh surroundings (9)
- 4 Queen of Hearts, say, in the ref's pocket? (3,4)
- 5 Value of soft grain (5)
- 6 At home, meal gets relatives extremely weepy (2,5)
- 7 Go before having to surrender poker stake first (8)
- 13 Trained paras, men from a N Italian city (8)
- 15 It's the gap that's awkward getting it from plate to mouth! (9)

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- 17 Poor cat fed nothing, in reality (2,5)
- 18 Right in position to view cloud formation (7)
- 20 Many plump teenagers bury it (7)
- 22 Swore badly – even more so! (5)
- 23 Church official with two European articles (5)