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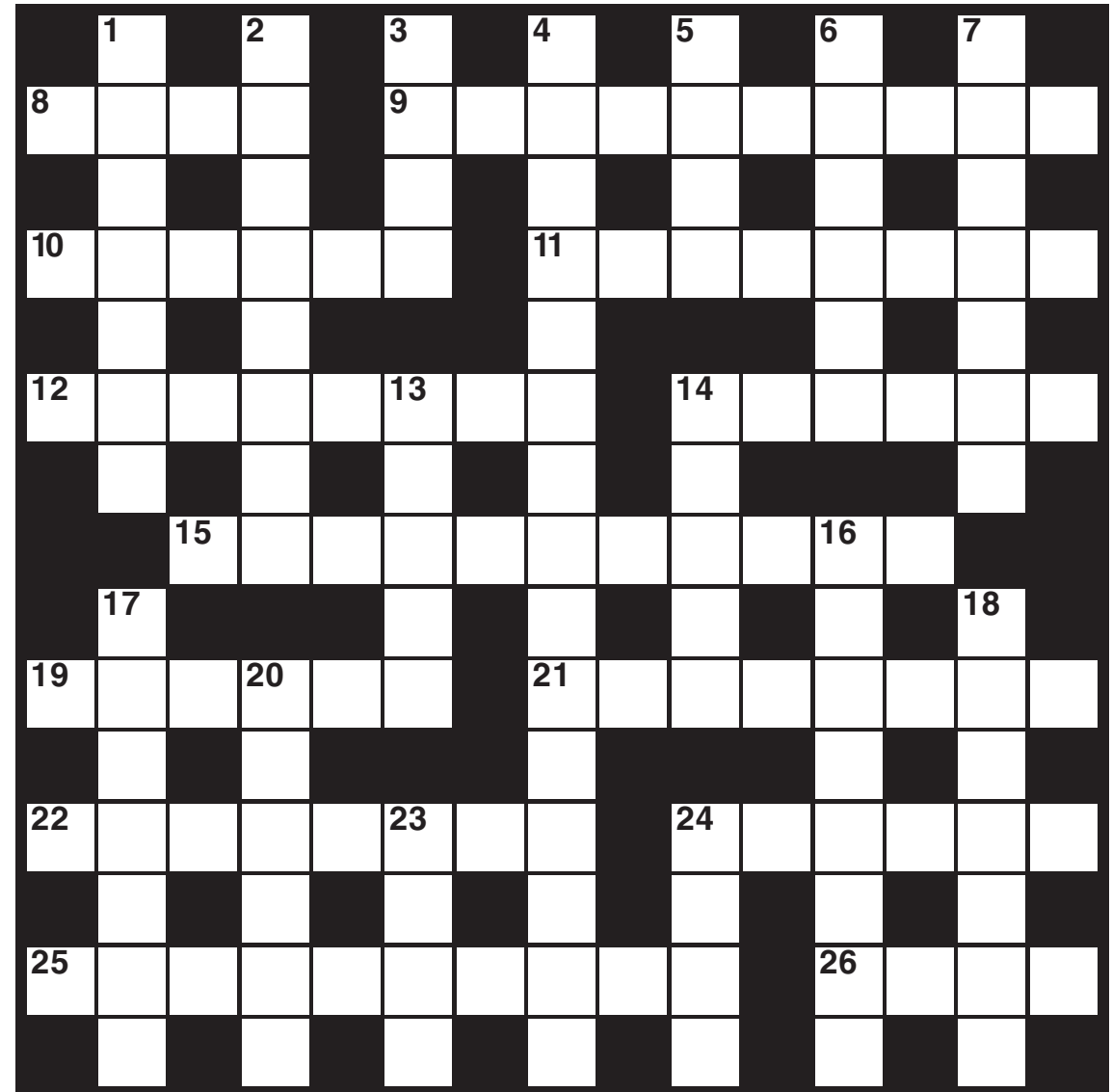
- 8 Two heard to fight (4)  
 9 Translucent flying aphid has a bit of savvy (10)  
 10 Entry made by expert about prow of container ship (6)  
 11 Step up late case for a change (8)  
 12 A mayday call about the finest mineral (8)  
 14 Saying 'B' backwards, so behind (6)  
 15 Total small railway surface creates open rural area (11)  
 19 Animal organ liable to lose pressure (6)  
 21 Tyrant gets to almost turn investigators back (8)  
 22 Push on with increased jackpot (8)  
 24 Criminal returns instrument hesitantly (6)  
 25 Powerful machine heaped on flower (10)  
 26 Boring thing to pull! (4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Pariah is striking actors (7)  
 2 Large toe removed from Mr Hyde? (5,3)  
 3 Contributes to confusing dads (4)  
 4 Vehicle reversed, saga again for TV midwives' narrator? (7,8)  
 5 Smart to know when leaving bird (4)  
 6 Cruelly taken novice in leg chain (6)  
 7 Teaching around university, moving into it (7)  
 13 Either way, it's an opinion (5)  
 14 Simple graduate's in charge (5)  
 16 Suit for a girl's best friend? (8)

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- 17 Foolishly I forgot to really make an effort (2,3,2)  
 18 Jotter taped on, badly (7)  
 20 Wager about everyone in *Swan Lake*? (6)  
 23 So each and all to blow top (4)  
 24 Title in novel or directory (4)