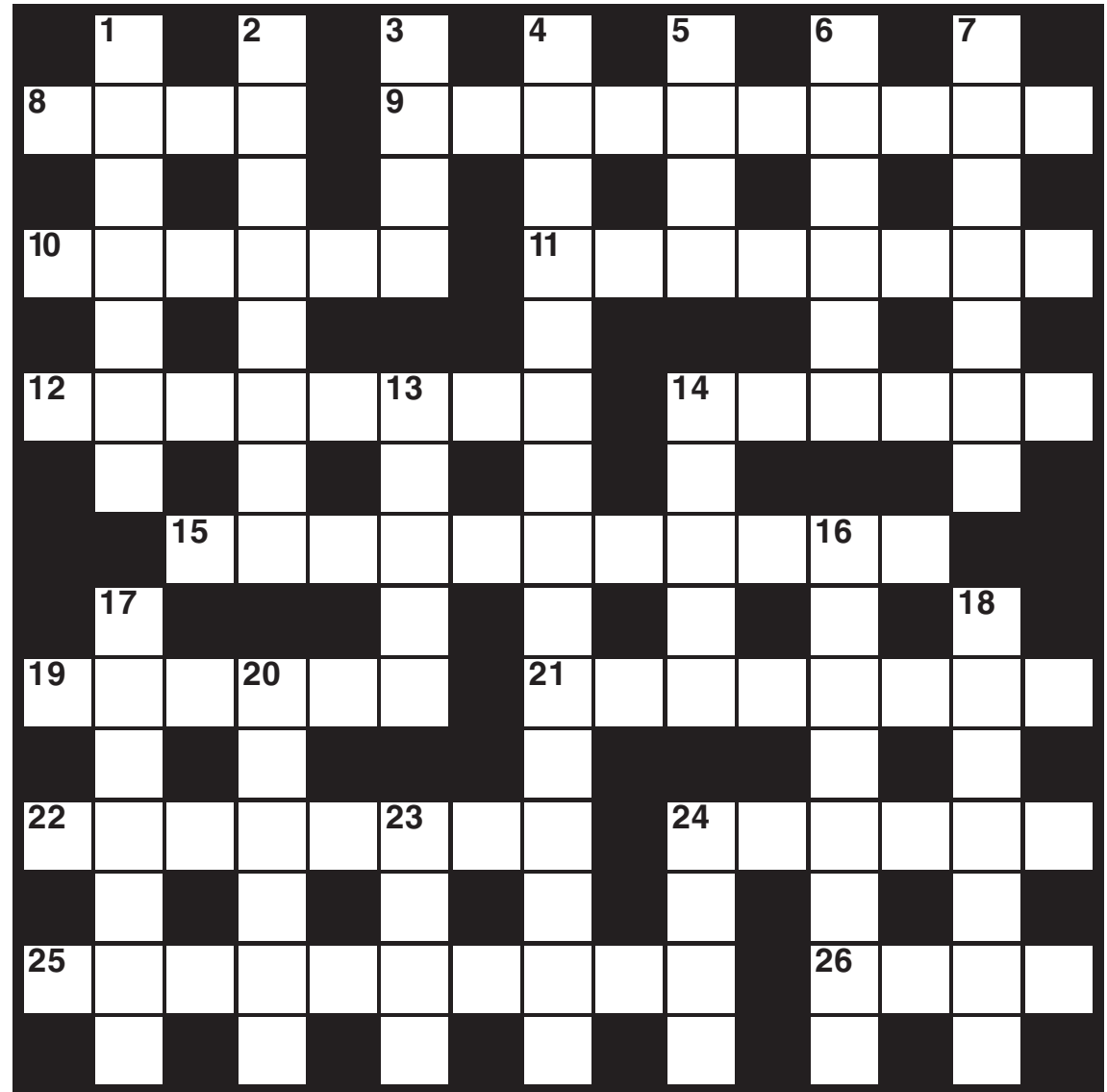


ACROSS

- 8 Wager with a foreign character (4)
- 9 Composer, surrounded by crack troops, sent in a spin (5-5)
- 10 In dispute with barber when outside (2,4)
- 11 Slow movement overturns number to trap at sea (5,3)
- 12 Final defeat later amended in court (8)
- 14 In favour of proposal to prohibit (6)
- 15 Country disturbing Ruth – a fiasco (5,6)
- 19 Whip round about six is extravagant (6)
- 21 Huge sum – or one converted (8)
- 22 In the morning they changed stone for precious stone (8)
- 24 Sal’s holding on to rooms (6)
- 25 A green Opel handled with zest (6,4)
- 26 Person mocking sound of river (4)

DOWN

- 1 Someone required in union to get batsmen out (4,3)
- 2 Diagnose problems in US city (3,5)
- 3 Requests removal of carbon from wooden kegs (4)
- 4 Sitcom flyer beside couch after he shifted (5,2,1,7)
- 5 Container for sewer flowing through The Tuileries (4)
- 6 Being more stylish, one missed the chinwag (6)
- 7 During school period, I entered for the intervening period (7)
- 13 Fasten the door left at church (5)
- 14 Nearly didn’t remember sacrifice (5)



- 16 Finish intact (8)
- 17 English gun for old boat set aside (7)
- 18 Give up holding up ten or five (7)
- 20 Determined to get under canvas (6)
- 23 Frenchman is OK when victory’s held (4)
- 24 Initially Susan and Louise taste seasoning (4)