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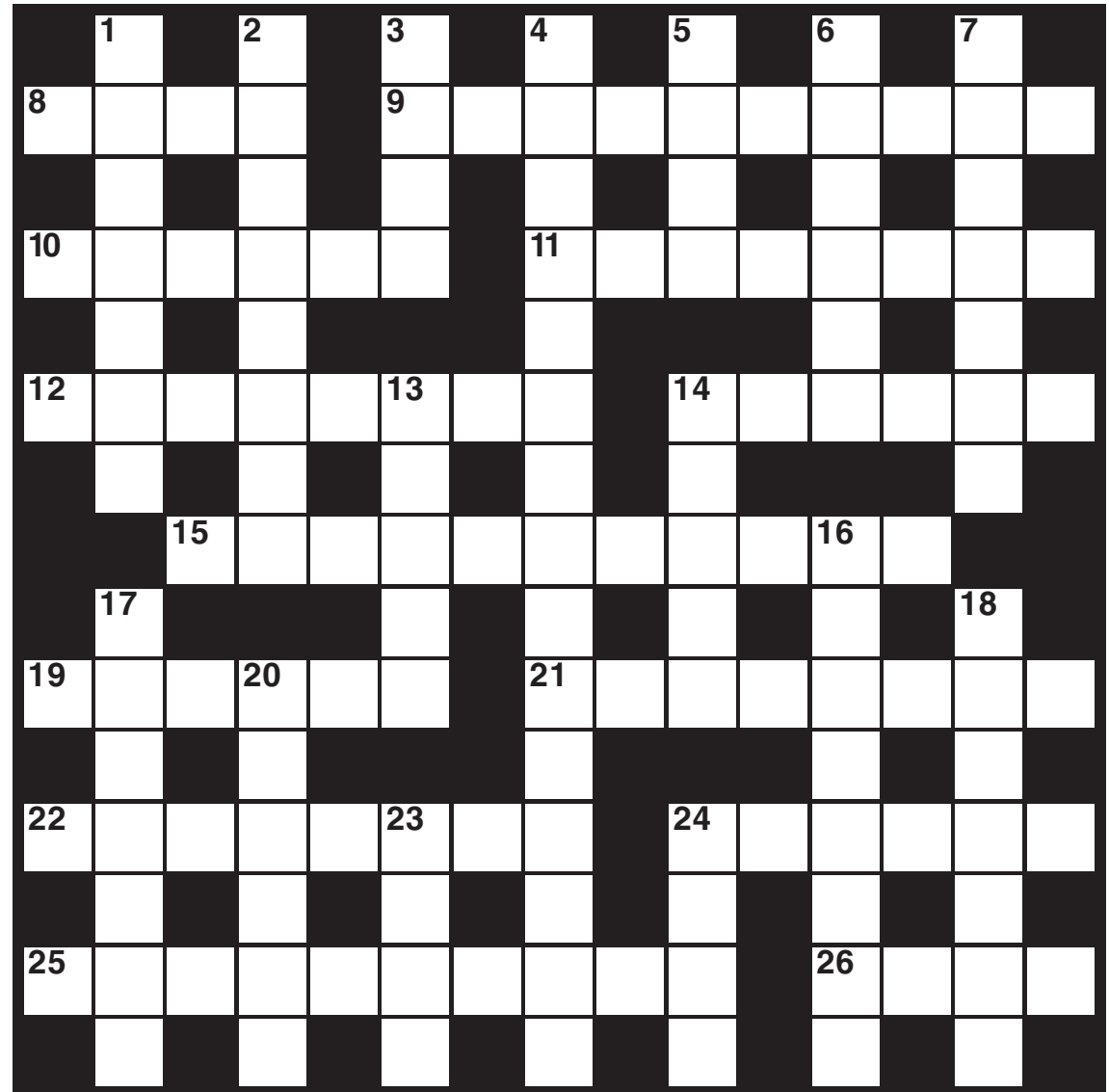
- 8 Private secretary almost on the way (4)
 9 Way I call the majority to be orderly (10)
 10 Climbs to a hundred in auctions (6)
 11 Cancellation of state for instance, within (8)
 12 A banker's parlous state (8)
 14 Dishevelled group in the rain? (6)
 15 Could insure against becoming sceptical (11)
 19 Relative in fix at Malaysia state (6)
 21 English movements producing feelings (8)
 22 In retrospect, somewhat bitter – a match for espresso? (8)
 24 Since changes, Cuba's capital is picturesque (6)
 25 Against movement of water, though meeting at the same place (10)
 26 Shortly sense sound of disappointment (4)

DOWN

- 1 Timepiece young Edward kept an eye on (7)
 2 Doctor in country, the last to shun issue (8)
 3 Cross graduates and get short festive season (4)
 4 Claude Duval's cry straddled Vienna again (5,3,7)
 5 Sponge has a strong smell (4)
 6 Restaurant's make of gravy seen round end of dinner (6)
 7 Neat boy could become a blade (7)
 13 Show indifference to cropped cardigan (5)
 14 Little Sally has five first officers' artillery salute (5)
 16 A Parisian's poetry about one in the cosmos (8)

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- 17 Crescent troubling no women (3,4)
 18 Starts without sponge for time at Lord's? (7)
 20 Where safari may be organised, but capital of Cameroon, not Sweden? (6)
 23 Rubber covering to become worn out, they say (4)
 24 Film locations Tess organised (4)