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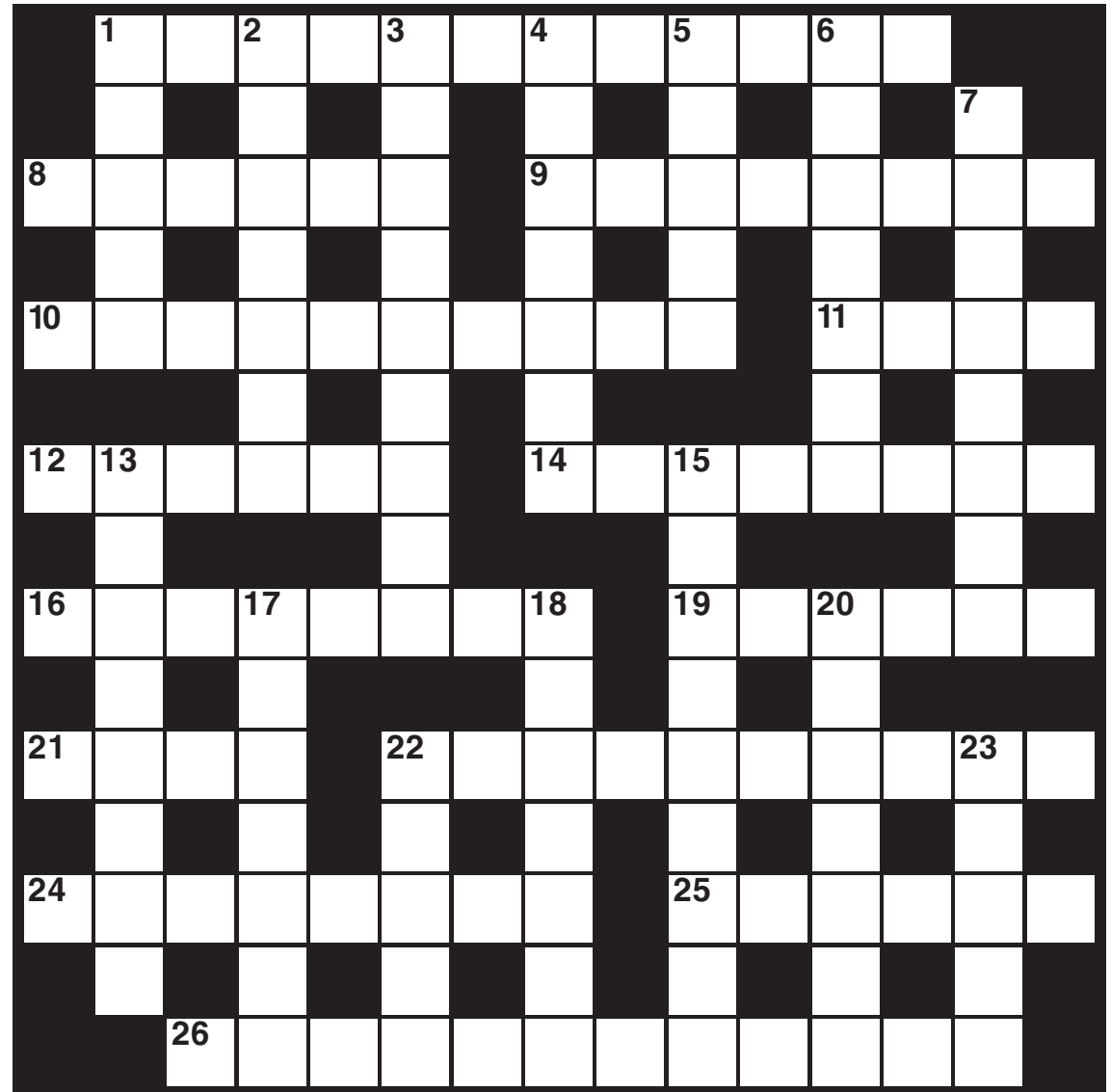
- 1 Having property taken away, response is so twisted (12)
- 8 Rudely curt about the French knife-maker (6)
- 9 When gems are about it causes a disturbance (8)
- 10 Lead, for example, in loud rock music (5,5)
- 11 Leader beginning in mosque at midday (4)
- 12 Consisting of blossoms arranged for all (6)
- 14 This won't let you forget about the bodyguard (8)
- 16 Study poetry? The opposite (8)
- 19 Tailor-made Italian bridge (6)
- 21 Spare unfinished object (4)
- 22 Solid earth makes fright stronger, we hear (5,5)
- 24 Bad directions, everyone returns to Welsh town (8)
- 25 Receiving attention at home, manual worker (2,4)
- 26 Ridiculous trousers Pope destroyed (12)

DOWN

- 1 Wild urge to swallow nothing but make-up (5)
- 2 Friend to declare rigmarole (7)
- 3 One on two wheels has telephone device (9)
- 4 Old thespian is a demanding person (7)
- 5 Saint, not well, motionless (5)
- 6 Speech connected with inner proportion (7)
- 7 Self-indulgent ten years with Bible books (8)
- 13 Spiral tool lost in escape route (8)
- 15 Spread mixed grain swallowed by horse (9)

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- 17 Opening, and not for seaside resort (7)
- 18 Bugs when hairpieces rest on part of head (7)
- 20 Avocado starter, strangely, is hot; duck is cold, from what we hear (7)
- 22 Flower starts to take up leaves inside petals (5)
- 23 Makes money with sweets (5)