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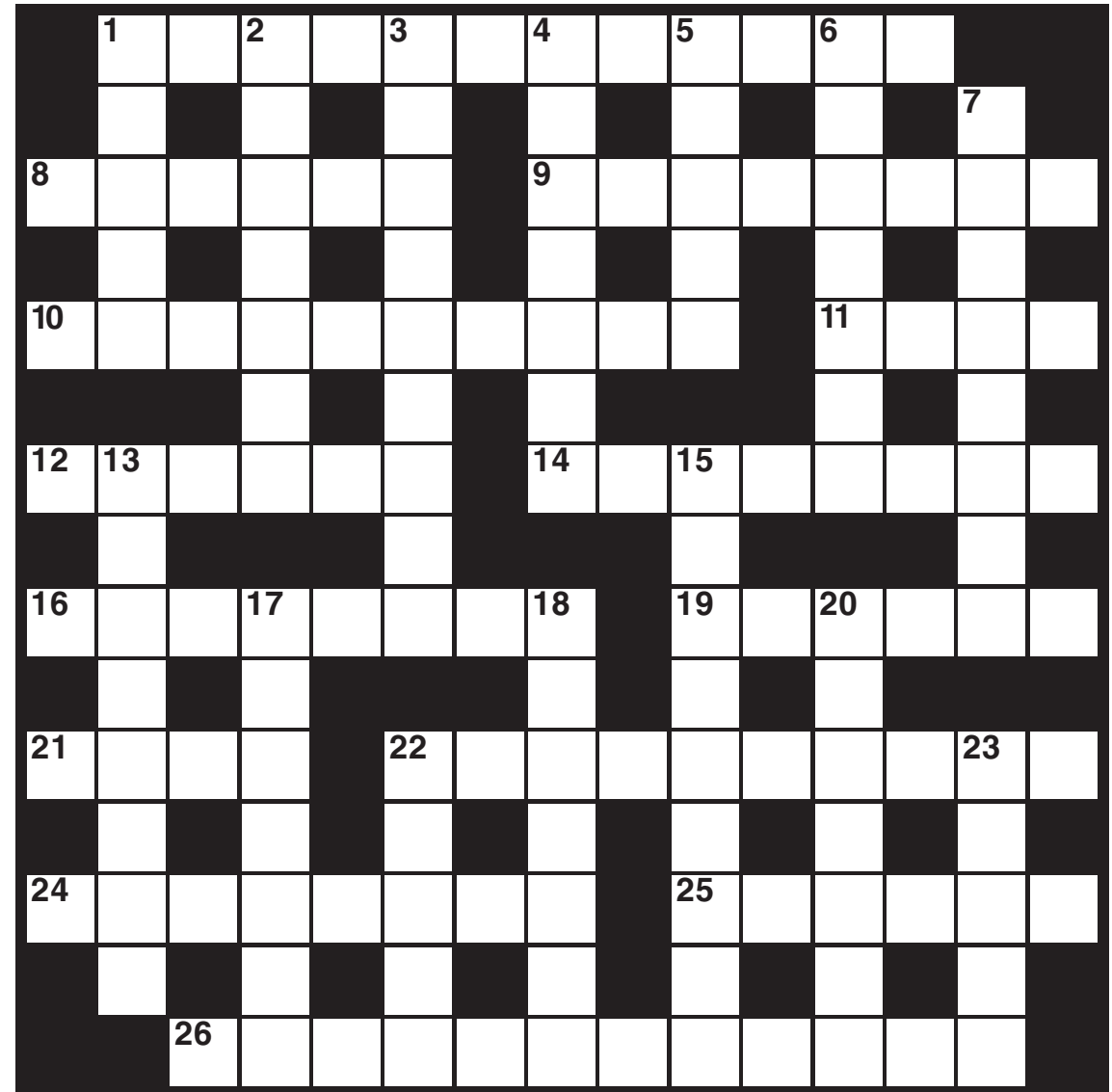
- 1 However dye runs, rifle is easy to operate (4-8)
- 8 Last of letters written by creep with bad handwriting (6)
- 9 Those who throw jugs (8)
- 10 The actor Mr Grant is after a post office, then a chemist (10)
- 11 Half of bloodsuckers set up a rhythm (4)
- 12 Virile man I circle in artist's room (6)
- 14 Wildly rave on about exercise to stateswoman (3,5)
- 16 I leave cruises on time for missions (8)
- 19 Unavailable central flat? (3-3)
- 21 Tribe is able to capture novice (4)
- 22 Simplify current job (10)
- 24 Terrifying, though more safe, surprisingly (8)
- 25 Popular song sounding harmonious (2,4)
- 26 Be quick to skip a payment again (4,2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Take the top off a French hat (5)
- 2 A decent constitution established by law (7)
- 3 Old sofa he vandalised – it's a lie (9)
- 4 Set up trendy venue (2,5)
- 5 Smart? No getting round non-drinker (5)
- 6 Composer hides five ahead of eastern port (2,5)
- 7 Plain words about lip – what a bloomer (8)
- 13 Excited by stream in the back of beyond (8)
- 15 Worship the present-day speech (9)

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- 17 Spanish tippie gave voice to song, backwards (7)
- 18 A snake is a weird present (7)
- 20 Touched end of pen (4-3)
- 22 Coastline prop (5)
- 23 One minding the goat (5)