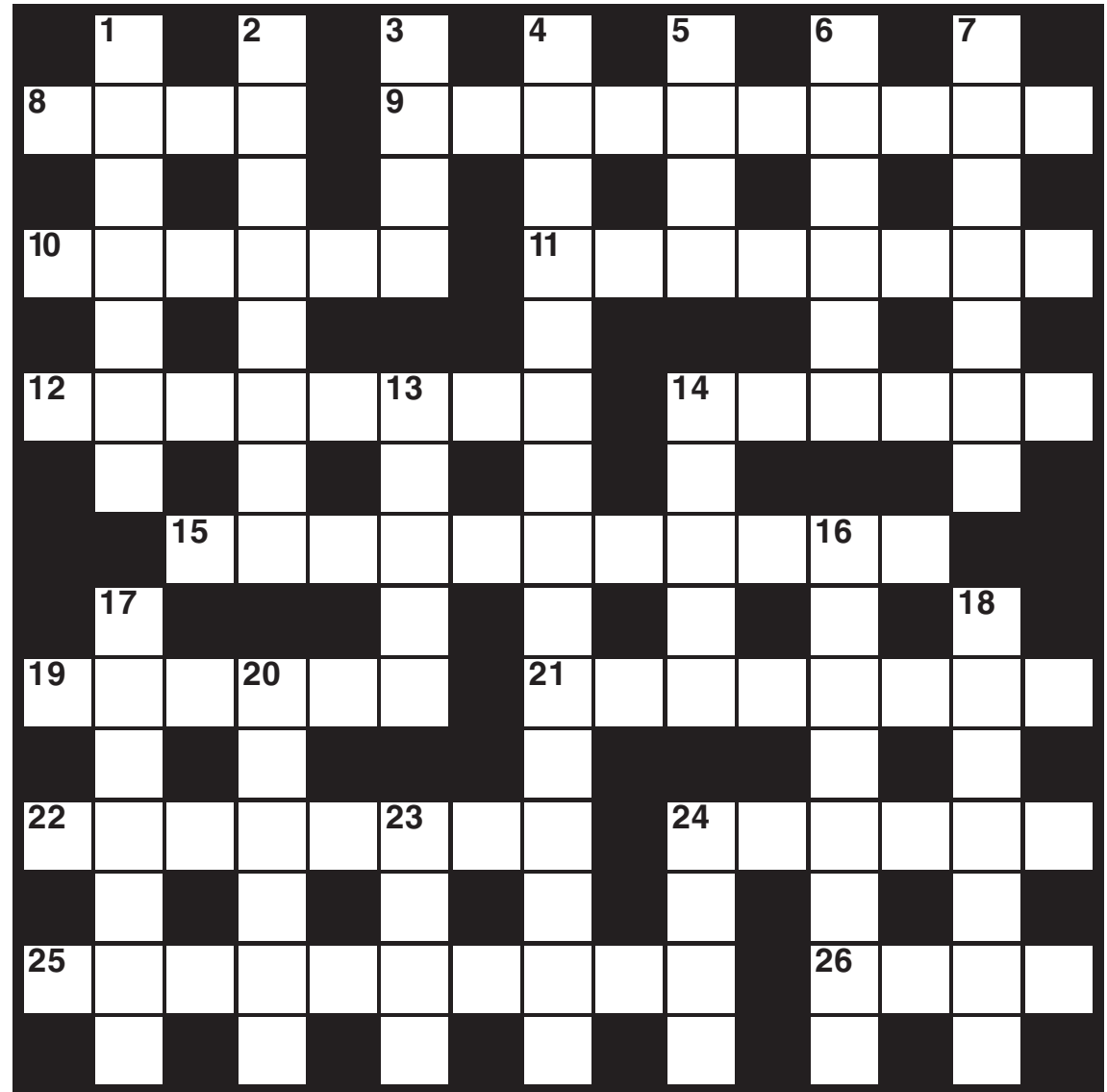


ACROSS

- 8 Fail to begin stylish aspiration (4)
- 9 Fix tongue with red coating? (4,6)
- 10 Not at all bright? Don't start, if not (6)
- 11 Familiar Dickensian where Geordie is in swirling breeze (8)
- 12 Green energy – it supports back segment (8)
- 14 A soldier keeps away rodent (6)
- 15 Trivial printout man processed (11)
- 19 Fastener unfolding pleats (6)
- 21 Call Dora about town bypass (4,4)
- 22 Bit of water rapid with Ron all at sea (8)
- 24 Rotten cast on fourth of July (6)
- 25 Pleased about little sister being reliable (10)
- 26 The night before opening night is flat (4)

DOWN

- 1 A fence I dismantled, as intended (7)
- 2 Aren't the letters to disturb and menace? (8)
- 3 Europeans with no head for pubs (4)
- 4 Picture taker replaced other campaigner (15)
- 5 Sword carried by the peers (4)
- 6 Game could get translated, but keeping English (6)
- 7 Viewpoints upsetting pa's sect (7)
- 13 Fail with epicurian starter and dessert (5)
- 14 Male worker working (5)
- 16 Brings up, runs true to form (8)



- 17 The loan taken out for biofuel (7)
- 18 Novelist about to leave with trainer (7)
- 20 Penalise play on words – his undoing! (6)
- 23 Hurry to find grass (4)
- 24 Apportion pork etc, we hear (4)