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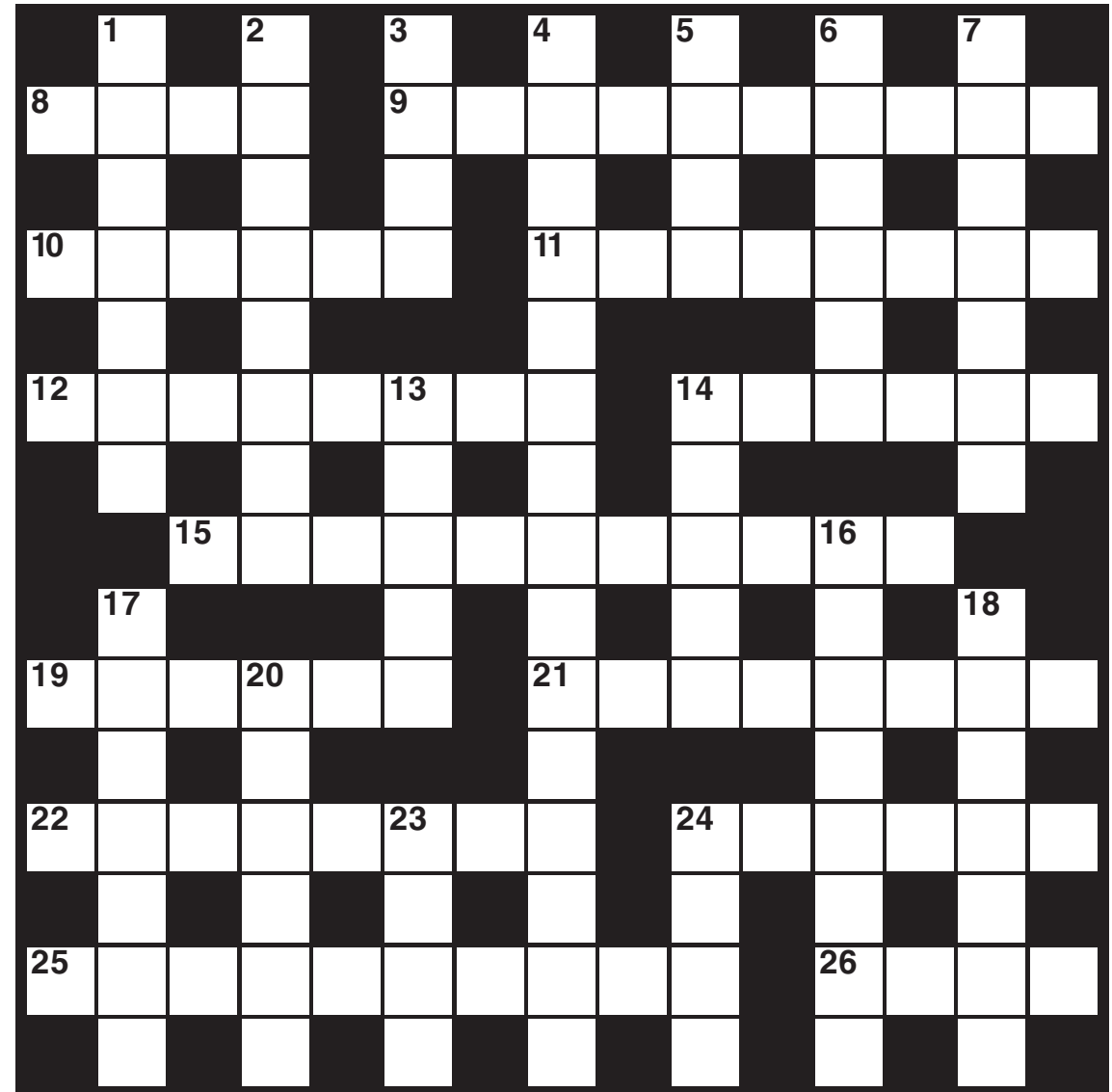
- 8 Brand new factory (4)
 9 Deceived when gangster closed his eye (10)
 10 Equipment used to weigh parts of fish (6)
 11 Unflagging, sister about to entertain the French (8)
 12 Water engineer blocked by one judge (8)
 14 Sign books in French city (6)
 15 Not an upright desire? (11)
 19 Take in muscles or brawn at first (6)
 21 Cooler in the car, but warmer in the house (8)
 22 Loss of position when depressed before autumn (8)
 24 Being evasive when losing hard border (6)
 25 Inspect eel, suffering with plague (10)
 26 It's very uncommon for a receptacle to contain it (4)

DOWN

- 1 One insider roughly carves organs (7)
 2 Equine animal is not all bad (8)
 3 The one just here in ancient history (4)
 4 Make lord thinner near Ulster province (8,7)
 5 Find large jug in brewery (4)
 6 Leg adornment taken off round top of leg (6)
 7 Queasy offshore as ice breaks in extremities of sandbank (7)
 13 Spontaneous remark from mad libertine (2-3)
 14 Carefully observed the famous (5)
 16 Outside building needing colour, rarely empty (8)

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- 17 Bone, mad sort of body part! (7)
 18 Negative guard's heading off – keep out! (2,5)
 20 Are not terribly elaborate (6)
 23 Fit in tablets (4)
 24 Always cut top off (4)