

**ACROSS**

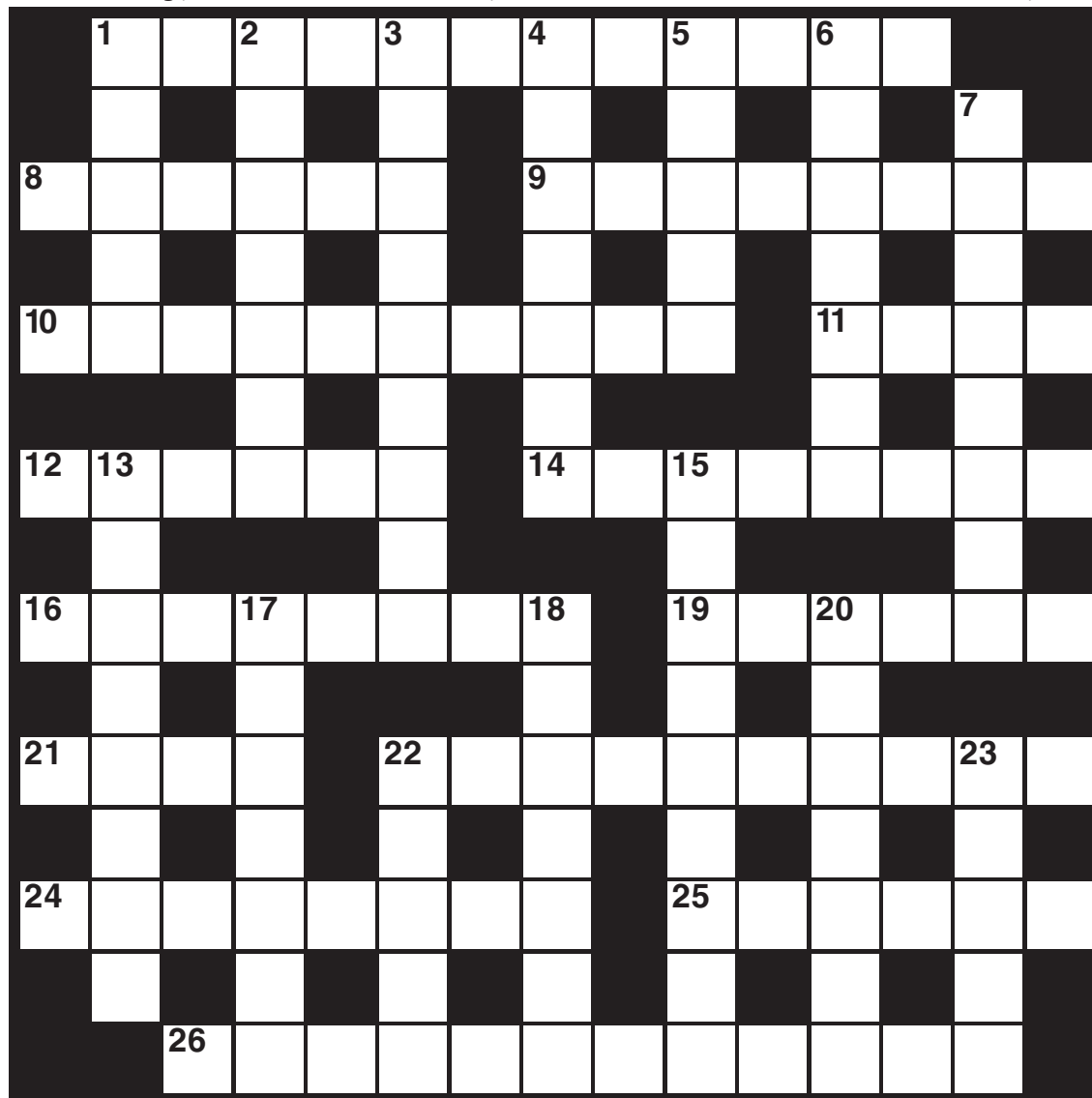
- 1 So, the wee germ mutates to make progress (3,9)  
 8 Longing to throw knight in river (6)  
 9 Drool over one vessel in sale (8)  
 10 Oily limpet treated rudely! (10)  
 11 Change poor diet (4)  
 12 Allocate as token (6)  
 14 Sprinted back, valued and told tales (8)  
 16 Yes, German and the French open about pepper (8)  
 19 Desire to rip up T-shirt (6)  
 21 Acknowledges snowdrift (4)  
 22 Coffins transported by a cargo ship (10)  
 24 Plant Maori gun elsewhere (8)  
 25 Better loses his head, so he goes for a walk (6)  
 26 Record put on, decent when off! (12)

**DOWN**

- 1 Sparkle with leg break before midday (5)  
 2 Journey to oil-producing city (7)  
 3 Doing what you are told, ie once bed made (9)  
 4 Festival northern? No! (7)  
 5 Left in sacred bush (5)  
 6 I arrive, flustered, in the Cannes area (7)  
 7 Footballers who are not at work? (8)  
 13 Loyal person breaking law in the beginning (8)  
 15 To supply only small quantities of beer is the principle (9)

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- 17 Foolish person, for example, has first-class weapon (7)  
 18 A ransom arranged for rower (7)  
 20 Live in monastery dressed like this (7)  
 22 Producing sound by breaking up coins (5)  
 23 Almost concurred it's a deadly sin (5)