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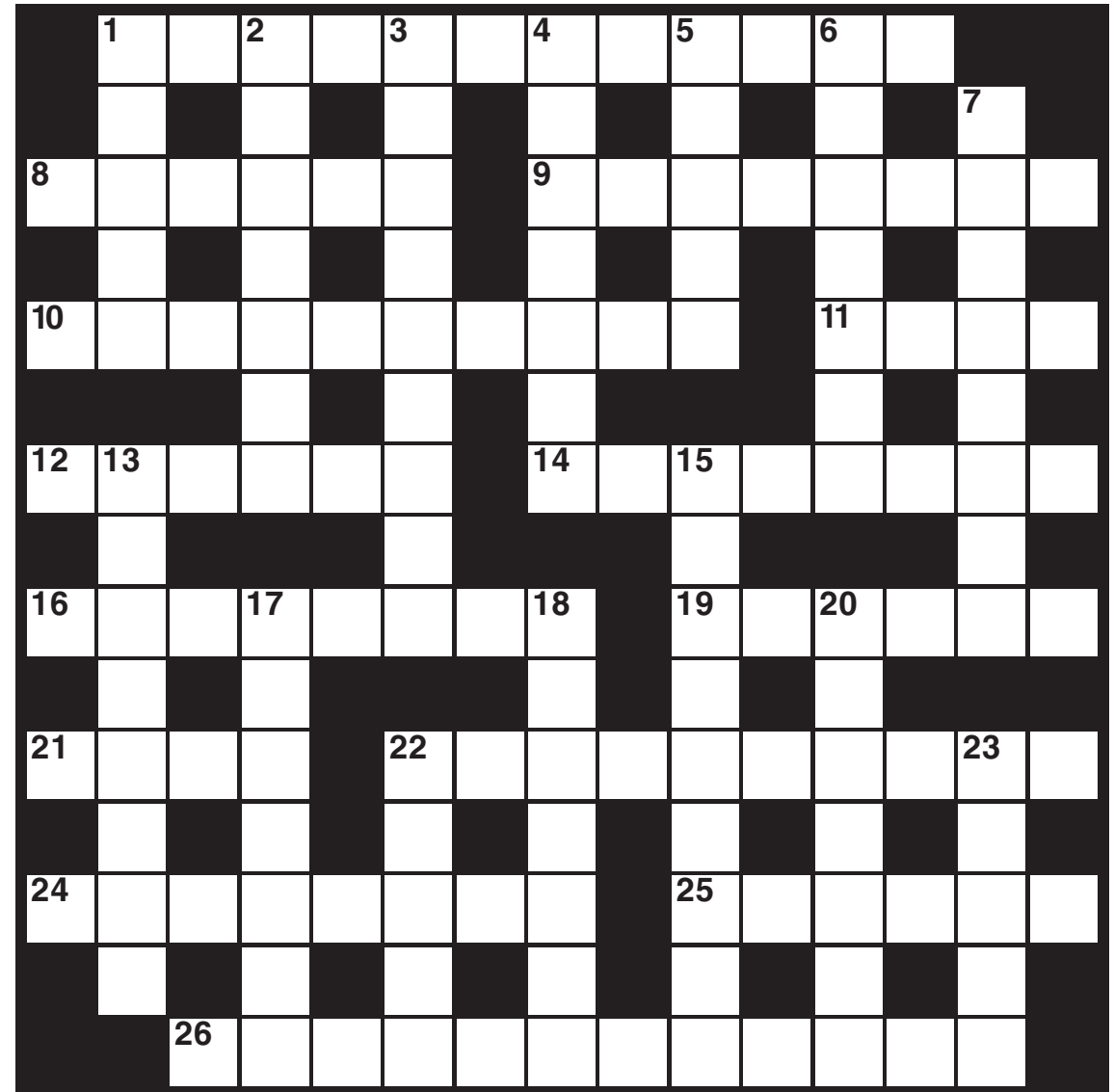
- 1 Telling off for being casual? (8,4)
- 8 Vehicle for one who's late (6)
- 9 Swap for old coins (8)
- 10 Check carton isn't damaged (10)
- 11 Talk softly and catch one's breath (4)
- 12 Avoid unpleasant space, up to a point (6)
- 14 Scowled when Greek leader was put down (8)
- 16 Consumer group to keep an eye on shadow (8)
- 19 Father given part temporary release (6)
- 21 Exclamation of mild disapprobation at posh skirt (4)
- 22 It is annoying to worry a few (10)
- 24 Intends to get professional models (8)
- 25 Mean little devil in blue (6)
- 26 Local moment when distant dream shattered (8,4)

DOWN

- 1 As a result of song for two, opera begins (3,2)
- 2 Posh area is redesigned covering two continents (7)
- 3 Lead with weapon followed by commander (9)
- 4 Lacking bakery process, we hear (7)
- 5 Old coin put away in pipe (5)
- 6 Quarrel when rider starts to fiddle about (7)
- 7 Food items he will paint (8)
- 13 A trusty with a hammer sculpted figures (8)
- 15 Put down work by newspaper boss? (9)

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- 17 Tiny piece, not black my dear, making muffin (7)
- 18 Set sail, wriggling toes in Indian beach resort (2,2,3)
- 20 Composer, somewhat cross in Italy (7)
- 22 Ship's officer has personal problem with tabloid (5)
- 23 Sort of syrup pudding originally eaten by man (5)