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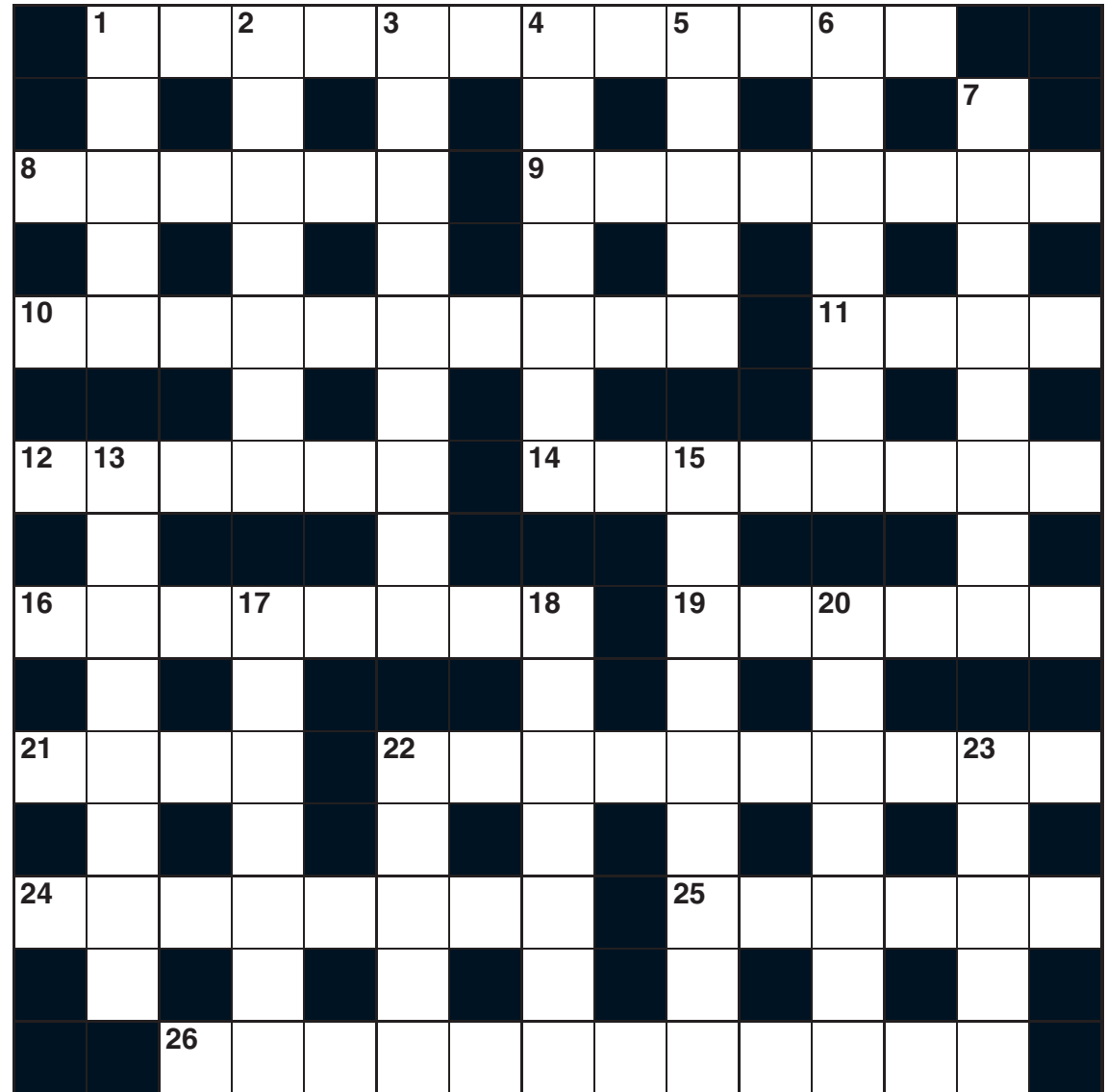
- 1 Cunning practice smashing me and pa to pieces (12)
- 8 Minimum, it's said, granted to a tenant (6)
- 9 Footwear needed for gymnastic feat? (4-4)
- 10 Anagrammatically notified in feature of crossword clue! (10)
- 11 It's said, has learned of facial feature (4)
- 12 Totally preoccupy deranged bosses (6)
- 14 Want to divert painful cry of bird (5,3)
- 16 Jack has a drink, one knocked back with pepper (8)
- 19 Good person beams at lost animals (6)
- 21 Singer on short settee (4)
- 22 Singing poet with nothing but ardour, drunk (10)
- 24 Treason's upset US politicians (8)
- 25 To hurt donkey's tail is mean (6)
- 26 Batsmen learn bad etiquette (5,7)

DOWN

- 1 Wow, given directions to those a-laying? (5)
- 2 Huge build-up that's very enclosed (7)
- 3 Diverting feature in fringe publication (4,5)
- 4 Trouble at cliff after storm (7)
- 5 Descendant, male, about 101 (5)
- 6 One's childhood in one's imagination (7)
- 7 Old road where girl hides very big tack (5,3)
- 13 Live as a couple and smile about evening in America (2,2,4)
- 15 Return tool and crudely bash in sink (9)

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- 17 State where a Tibetan priest holds sailor (7)
- 18 Work – outstanding amount for a small creature (7)
- 20 At end of December we dine extravagantly, and drink this (3,4)
- 22 Dwarf taking ring round river (5)
- 23 Incites rebellious surge (5)