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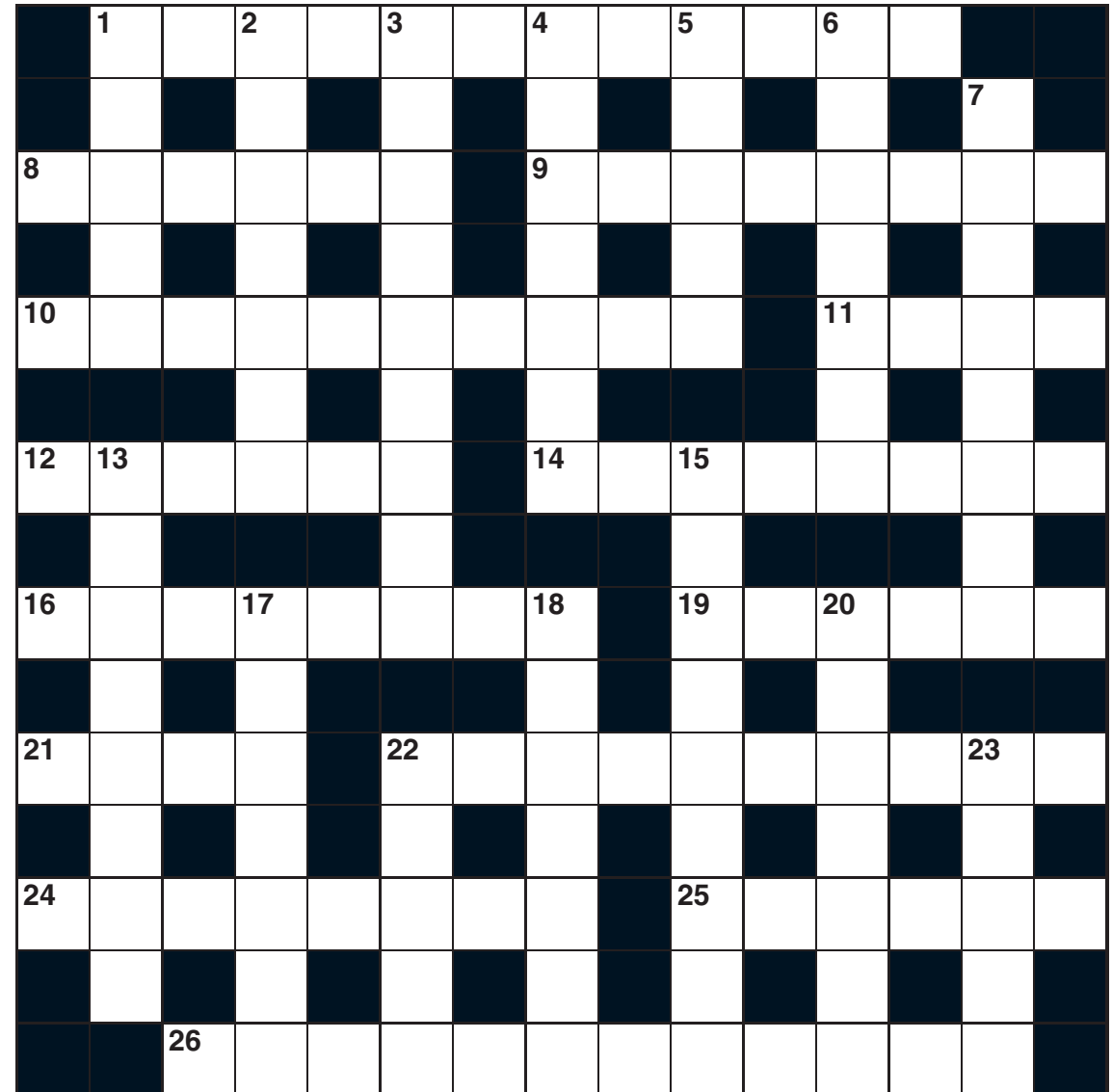
- 1 Willingness to please is curious, claims Capone (12)
- 8 Overlook gorge alongside (4,2)
- 9 Viler gal confused rural resident (8)
- 10 Unsupported claim of foul at goal line (10)
- 11 Pipe in bath last to corrode (4)
- 12 Quietly agreed to one 3-D layout (6)
- 14 In addition, kept in gold Shakespearean castle (8)
- 16 Five-armed creature, a brilliant swimmer? (8)
- 19 Gave an address to read out (6)
- 21 Blockhead to cheat officer (4)
- 22 N is a doomed plan (3-7)
- 24 Finding faults is of vital importance (8)
- 25 Sailor leads girl to convent head (6)
- 26 Troubled Malta prouder when protected (6-6)

DOWN

- 1 Move slowly and don't start to scribble (5)
- 2 Hoodwink over major road's metal (7)
- 3 Placed ideally in conifer (9)
- 4 Bill is ready to sing (7)
- 5 Exhausted everyone at home (3-2)
- 6 Decent northern moderate (7)
- 7 Carried in the main (8)
- 13 Type of motor on loan to directors (8)
- 15 Brief journey by air corridor, say, after drink (5-4)

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- 17 This turns up and down (7)
- 18 And left that woman over trainer (7)
- 20 Tumbler crashing car and boat (7)
- 22 Anna chose some crispy snack (5)
- 23 Relieved from some disease, delighted (5)