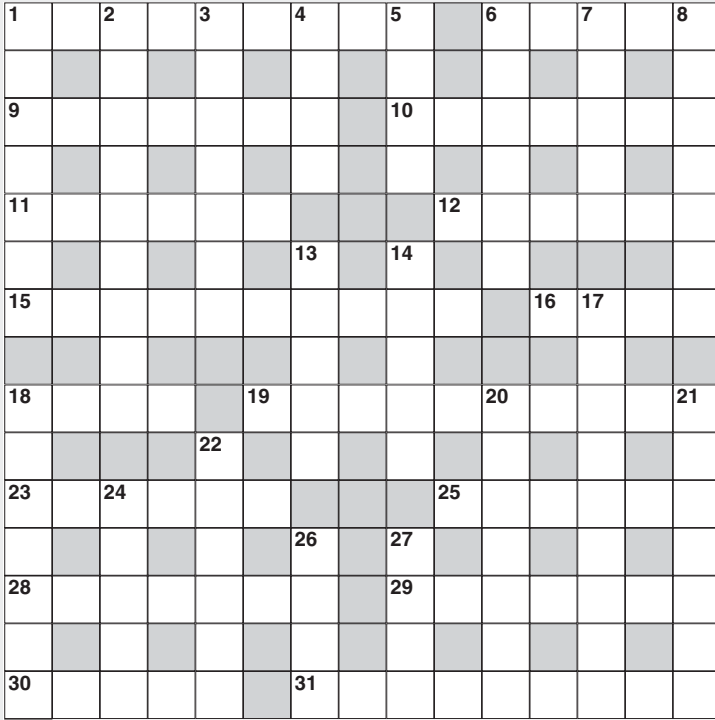


The Hindu Crossword 7778



Across

- 1 I follow in it with a friend at the outset (9)
 6 Recognised the celebrated person (5)
 9 Parodic fighter in the ring (7)
 10 Fail to support in need (3,4)

- 11 Sideways drift to be made up (6)
 12 Consequence of an event (6)
 15 Belittled U.S. soldiers who paraded about (10)
 16 Change resulting from emotional event (4)
 18 A little splash at the bar (4)

- 19 Openly over the table (5,5)
 23 Lie to take up another assumed attitude (6)
 25 Concerning disposal of letters (6)
 28 Caustic speech dripping with malice (7)
 29 Procedure of strike (4,3)
 30 Syllable identical in sound of another (5)
 31 Mind reader somehow gets what is left (9)

Down

- 1 Transfixed by personal confession to have lost colour (7)
 2 A screen I'd cunningly put up (9)
 3 State for Asian with a following (7)
 4 A noble king with curiously old entourage (4)
 5 Utter loud sharp cry (4)
 6 If Tony turned to inform (6)
 7 Figure of speech the poet rightly uses (5)
 8 Benevolent giver of gift (7)

- 13 Mother with sailor went back to get the snake (5)
 14 Permission to go on a holiday (5)
 17 The nearest way to the sea (5,4)
 18 Hard worker on the street and on the water way (7)
 20 Rich on the branches of the windpipe (7)
 21 Used to weaken and reduce strength (7)
 22 Desire to pursue the snake with anger (6)
 24 Of lesser importance on a small scale (5)
 26 Rub back the learner into indistinct obscurity (4)
 27 Prize fruit (4)

Solution to puzzle 7777

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