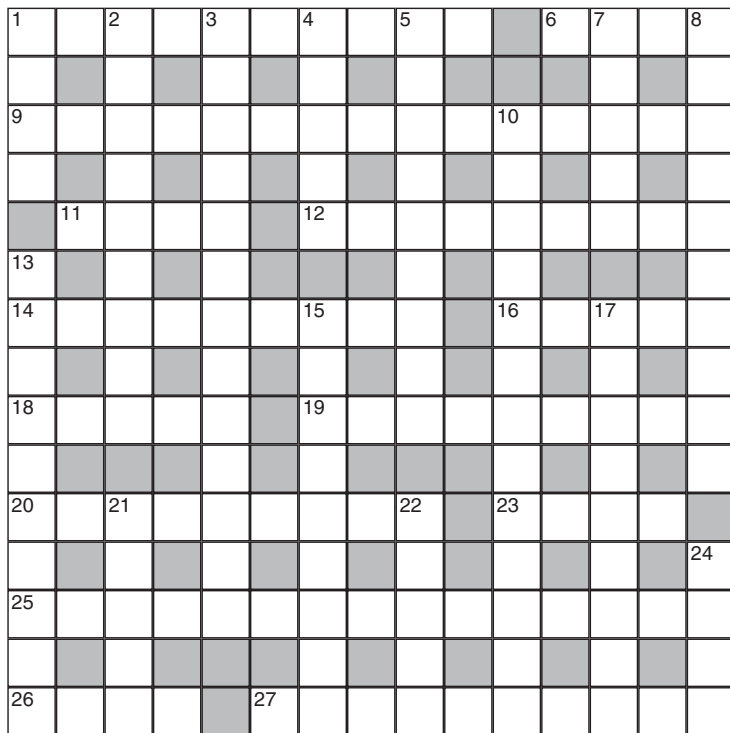


The Hindu Crossword No. 2523



Down

- 1 Haircuts, one shilling and sixpence originally (4)
- 2 Spicy dish with added port (9)
- 3 This may help one to make progress in street (Essex town street) on one (8,5)
- 4 Head in charge suggests subject (5)
- 5 Clear former partner, one on a charge (9)
- 7 Carrying far too much weight to be self-assured in part (5)
- 8 Waving at us at road leading to expressway (10)
- 10 Leading actress left in embrace on boyfriend from French town (13)
- 13 A US writer pens short ballad making a prophetic disclosure (10)
- 15 One who cheats a fair deal? (4-5)
- 17 Oil in two colours (5,4)
- 21 The French writer turned up somewhere in Asia (5)
- 22 Section of gate at entrance is corroded (5)
- 24 Can move around (4)

Across

- 1 Childminder, diminutive model (10)
- 6 Painter, Lowry, ultimately shown in part of India (4)
- 9 A measure of protection in case of fire? (6-5, 4)
- 11 Ineffective type, Women's Institute representative (4)
- 12 Chars set about scrubbing, initially with detergents (9)
- 14 I hope Inca flourished in ancient land (9)
- 16 Colour included in 'Chambers' (5)
- 18 Caught famous pianist in musical (5)
- 19 Flying her, I nearly, at first, touch down in Germany region (9)
- 20 Crayfish in sea? No glut, unfortunately (9)
- 23 Cook from Derbyshire town, not well (4)
- 25 Beaten in the last stride? That stopped Pipe getting carried away (6,2,3,4)
- 26 Cockney lists fish? (4)
- 27 Move in game on horseback, by duke down by one (2-3-5)

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