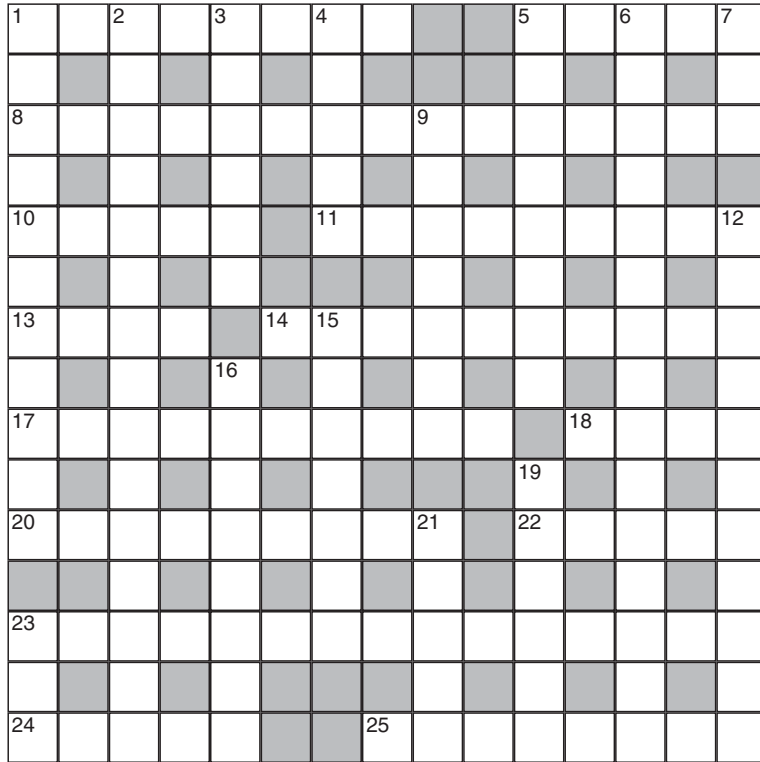


# The Hindu Crossword No. 2538



## Down

- 1** Side falters, staggering supporters of Hamilton (11)  
**2** Local branch opposed letting in U.S. state authority (7,3,5)  
**3** Watch diving bird circling fair (4,2)  
**4** Lights up decorative line (5)  
**5** Irishman disturbs the peace loyalists achieved? (8)  
**6** I may be sent out after news (7,8)  
**7** Whisky and port (3)  
**9** Girl in corner is, sadly (7)  
**12** 'Firework damaged land' is inside story (5,6)  
**15** Fiddles girl dropping article in front of shop (7)  
**16** Burned piece of coal or piece of coke in outhouse? (8)  
**19** Arrived with painter, one that produces pictures (6)  
**21** One found entering part of church is innocent (5)  
**23** Ahead of time, mother makes rug (3)

## Across

- 1** Anonymous fellow, one on the French ship (8)  
**5** Energy authority (5)  
**8** Sell lots of goods very quickly at Longleat? (2,1,7,5)  
**10** Comparative size of demonstrations (5)  
**11** One who provides vase to be carried by an Archbishop of Canterbury (9)  
**13** Bird left Noah's ship (4)  
**14,17** Seasonal poem that may conjure up Christmas vision aloft (1,5,4,2,8)  
**18** Fellow capturing wickets for county (4)  
**20** Outstanding monarch (9)  
**22** Bowl in field around noon (5)  
**23** Harvard men say it about island off Cape Cod (7,8)  
**24** Dock, perhaps, at end of that river (5)  
**25** Lively exchange concerning role, extremely emotive (8)

## Solution No. 2537

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