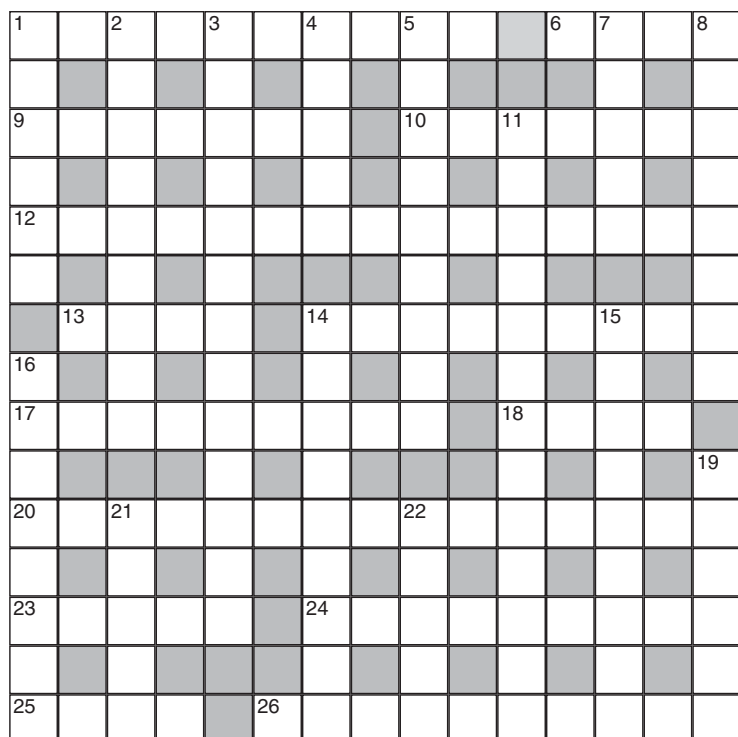


The Hindu Crossword No. 2540



Down

- 1 Key in cupboard? (6)
- 2 Fetch feathers from floor (5,4)
- 3 Film a hobby (13)
- 4 Nerve endings in torso damaged (5)
- 5 Roustabout and bodyguard – name endlessly brought up (3-6)
- 7 Country home – help turned up? (5)
- 8 One entertaining guests above Spanish railway bar? (8)
- 11 Ongoing track dispute? (7,6)
- 14 Understands famous golfer's one out East (7,2)
- 15 Go on about crack, with daughter in a dazed state (6,3)
- 16 What politicians like to receive when they're standing? (8)
- 19 Remained sober, by the sound of it (6)
- 21 Section of church supporting king, a villain (5)
- 22 Slip in left section of church (5)

Across

- 1 Broken bottles found round river Po in basket (7,3)
- 6 Ruin aerial (4)
- 9 US city, elegant in the past (7)
- 10 Mocks German article before the fateful day (7)
- 12 Gang, cop reasoned, must be released for this event (3-3,5,4)
- 13 None impressed by dance band (4)
- 14 Soviet official, unmarried woman in stupor, last out of chopper (9)
- 17 Five in tug and ten adrift in pontoon (5-2-2)
- 18 Vehemently attack foolish person (2,2)
- 20 Hobson's choice, where vermouth is concerned? (4,2,2,5,2)
- 23 Fruit round fields (7)
- 24 Ruth holding head of poor working animal (3,4)
- 25 Search for member of Indian religion, reportedly (4)
- 26 Resented it? Possibly being prejudiced (10)

Solution No. 2539

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