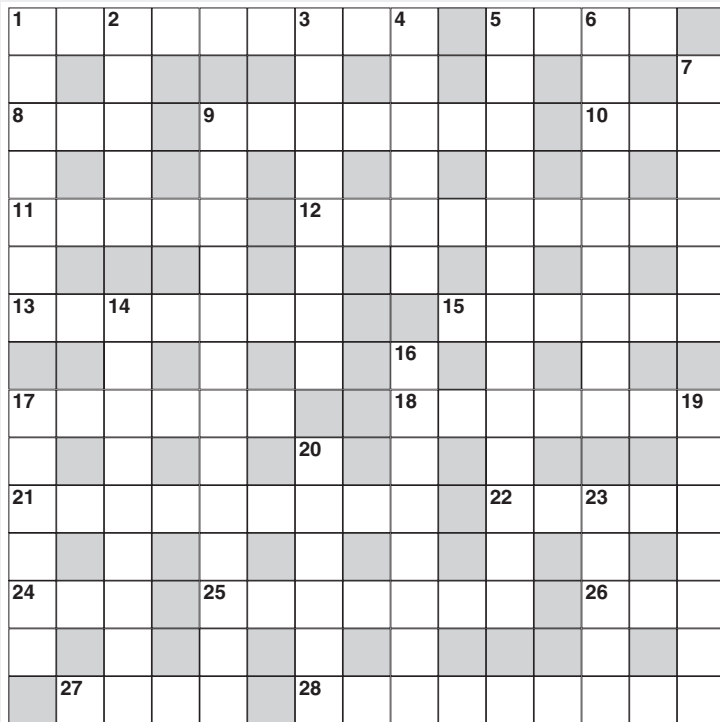


The Hindu Crossword 7887



Across

- 1 Empty-headed and flippant (9)
- 5 Victim of delusion (4)
- 8 Pay to gossip idly (3)
- 9 Pliant Florida expatriate (7)

- 10 Drive the sheep away (3)
- 11 My, her construction sounds the same at the end (5)
- 12 Pertaining to sound so caustic in a way (9)
- 13 Diversion for amusement (7)

- 15 As cruel as the winter wind (6)
- 17 Extra unconventional benefits (6)
- 18 Died out like some species (7)
- 21 Nucleoside found in muscle from which energy is provided (9)
- 22 Hesitate to steal from the insect (5)
- 24 Native of Australia for which air travel is out of question (3)
- 25 Like a couple of cooing doves (7)
- 26 Sailor loves to go back to this constrictor (3)
- 27 Twice he made a laugh (2, 2)
- 28 Specified place for performance of duties (9)

- 5 Piece of furniture with glass for ladies to preen (8, 5)
- 6 Divide and cut into sections (9)
- 7 I am used to being pleasantly occupied here (6)
- 9 Vessel with teat to dupe infants (13)
- 14 With which to get the measure of a slippery slope? (5, 4)
- 16 Liberal urges one has developed (8)
- 17 Concocted false charge with sinister intent (6)
- 19 Create a raised level place (7)
- 20 Endlessly give our energy to a good cause (6)
- 23 Small red-breasted bird (5)

Down

- 1 Try and flap the insect into a snare (3, 4)
- 2 Indicate by hint (5)
- 3 Repeats nothing like this if you want to get work (8)
- 4 Petitioner who sues (6)

Solution to puzzle 7886

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