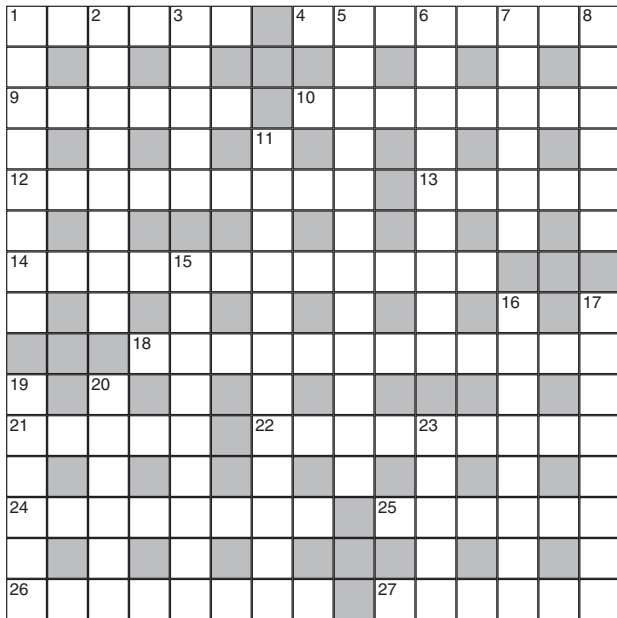


The Hindu Crossword No. 2544



Across

- 1 Piece of sacking very small person gets to sew (6)
 4 US artist left with monarch after game (8)
 9 Unfashionable group coming from launch (6)
 10 Crazy to remove a door, say, with bit of draught ensuing (8)
 12 Treacherous rocks ahead of rowers? This might help one who gets in the drink (9)
 13 Friend — shed tears about one out East (5)
 14 A monk's seldom prepared a fish dish (6,6)
 18 Spy MiG flight out of control? That's highly unlikely (4,5,3)
 21 Dog found in cul-de-sac or ginnel (5)
 22 Bell tower seen from tents pitched by a river (9)
 24 Gay seducer unwilling to visit a Brazilian port (8)
 25 Artist on platform showing off sword (6)
 26 Rank of Frenchman, social worker? (8)

27 Legendary lover is elderly head of empire (6)

Down

- 1 Cabinet ministers, ultimately chose a leader of wisdom, possibly (8)
 2 Crime fighters in Nile port, all over the place (8)
 3 Musical, presumably in black and white! (5)
 5 Country singer, Kim, was in hall, playing (4,8)
 6 Fabric in his cot, all frilly (9)
 7 Convict with nothing on in small lake (6)
 8 Night flight for cheap whisky (6)
 11 Annoyed department obtaining random sample (5,7)
 15 Put out the Spanish one, at home in match (9)
 16 Refuse to entertain ICI executive (8)
 17 Exclamation from popular singer dropping ring (2,6)
 19 NW town featured in first half of book (6)
 20 Ceremony in outskirts of Windsor for author (6)
 23 Collect a large amount (5)

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