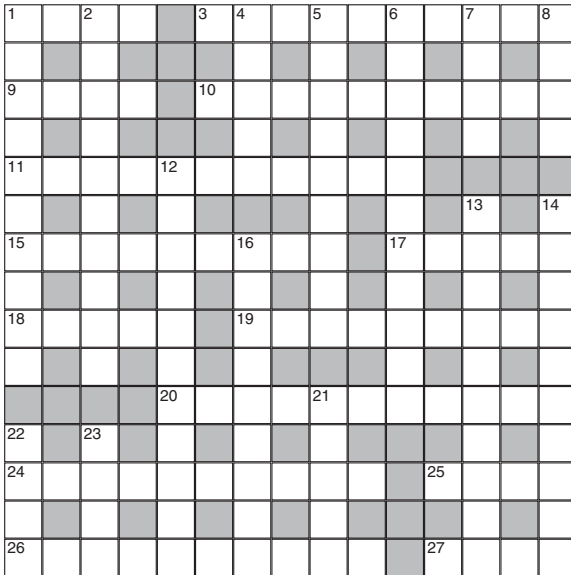


The Hindu Crossword No. 2545



Across

- 1 First to film bird of prey getting poultry (4)
- 3 Diplomat, American, so sad, drunk in pub (10)
- 9 Supply a Baltic port (4)
- 10 Stage left – snake appears from piece of equipment (10)
- 11 Awfully enraged after manual worker makes a bomb (4,7)
- 15 US writer in digs, we hear (9)
- 17 Name of old boy, one in service (5)
- 18 Pole with money, grand from fraud (5)
- 19 Bearing of vicar, one going round the Spanish church (9)
- 20 In meeting hall, the French elected corporation's treasurer (11)
- 24 US state capital worker is in agreement (10)
- 25 From this mount you might get stake back (4)
- 26 Comfortable situation, one appreciated by deliveryman? (4,6)
- 27 A widely held but false belief covered in a

series of letters from Jeremy Thorpe (4)

Down

- 1 Defensive structure put around ancient city, advantageous in the long term (3,3,4)
- 2 Dire warning to a settlers' convoy (5,5)
- 4 What a bishop may have on in a joint (5)
- 5 Artist is full of dismay? Just the opposite with this valuation (9)
- 6 Very exacting employer in club, propping up bar, drinking drop of lager (5-6)
- 7 A couple of rooks — one was unable to fly (4)
- 8 Seldom seen underdone (4)
- 12 Chap landing on bridge gets bravery award (6,5)
- 13 A British nun, lady possibly securing first of tricks in spades (10)
- 14 The nude ran out below (10)
- 16 Plant in European river duck avoided (10)
- 21 Spree, for example, writer fixed up (5)
- 22 Runs into one in Israeli seaport (4)
- 23 Ring North American albatross? (4)

Solution No. 2544

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