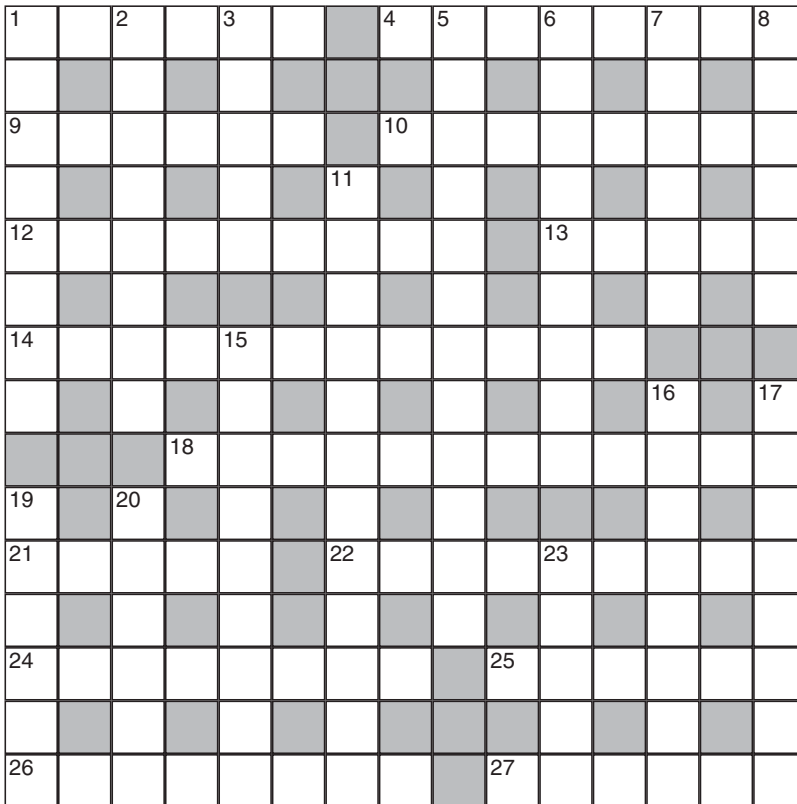


The Hindu Crossword No. 2578



Across

- 1 Senior nurse, trade union member (6)
- 4 Sign of a sore poet? You may see one holding a dagger (8)
- 9 Standard is set by leader of hillside community (6)
- 10 Calm, boy before Goran's first service (8)
- 12 Crewmen losing? Easily (5,4)
- 13 Leaves bits (5)
- 14 Author drawn by jockey (5,7)
- 18 Florists, advocates of peace? (6,6)
- 21 Fear evident in Territorial Army (5)
- 22 Strange orange — red musical instrument (4,5)
- 24 General behaviour in New York city street (8)
- 25 Trace line of ancestry (6)
- 26 Sailor, very good on ancient instrument? Perfect (8)
- 27 Composer — supporter has original of his manuscript (6)

Down

- 1 Gemstone — it has sparkle, we hear (8)
- 2 Commercial interrupting peaceful piece of music (8)
- 3 Relaxes during course of striptease show (5)
- 5 Caught vendor upset with agent in London district (6,6)
- 6 Bet on changes involving a normal Corsican family (9)
- 7 A plank on a ship (6)
- 8 Synopsis to assimilate (6)
- 11 Product endorsement? Impressive, we initially utter (5,7)
- 15 Reportedly go round with type that's someone to look up to (4,5)
- 16 Quotation in comic paper about one — good piece of humour (8)
- 17 Darbshire's friend, girl not unknown in G&S (8)
- 19 Greek character — priest entertaining Bachelor of Divinity (6)
- 20 Rules soon to be adopted by Civil Service (6)
- 23 Ring from abroad about coming over (5)

Solution No. 2577

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