

The Hindu Crossword No. 2605

Across

- 1 More than one aquatic bird plunges suddenly under water (5)
 4 Artist is overcome by shock valuation (9)
 9 Fancy cups set out (7)
 10 Old soldier cracking code in desert (7)
 11 One who goes on country walks and runs with thriller writer (7)
 12 Berthing fee, low at end of summer time (7)
 13 What's been cooked with a crab is piece of albacore from part of the Atlantic (9,3)
 17 Mother (with no partner) and grannie slept fitfully? (6,6)
 20 See leader in Brussels to encourage to produce sprouts (7)
 21 Pawnbroker given article that's soiled (7)
 23 Layman, a friend visiting ancient city (7)
 24 Instrument in a car, damaged by first of owners (7)
 25 Groom. Unhappy about food, left (6,3)

- 26 Stinking fish, initially brought by high tide (5)

Down

- 1 Rags scattered with bones outside? It's a scandal (8)
 2 Charge girl for aromatic plant (8)
 3 Excellent southern source of oil, maybe (5)
 4 Chief law officer prepared treaty? No, army commander (8,7)
 5 Ridiculous amount? Top-drawer motel, perhaps (11,4)
 6 A DA is shown round state capital, then plant (9)
 7 Work hard on an advertising jingle (6)
 8 Stagger up, gripping abstemious character (6)
 14 Newlywed, properly in prison (9)
 15 Saint Arnold, for example (8)
 16 Conventional flag ... (8)
 18 ... confusing to a sub, or subs ... (1-5)
 19 ... Royal Marines notice over area, following a fleet (6)
 22 Tease husband in greasy spoon (5)

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Solution No. 2604

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