

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8499

Across

- 1 Time off for one expecting ... (9,5)
- 8 ... a discount by current dealers in price (6)
- 9 Set of bells with which to visit someone around Rhode Island (8)
- 11 To empower a writer is English (9)
- 12 Music in the heart of a puritan going dancing (5)
- 13 Mutinous, but fainted when in a tizzy (7)
- 15 Expropriate old record in campaign (7)
- 17 Food served at a place, to the French, is a spectacle (7)
- 19 PMO sure spells out who is in overall authority (7)
- 21 Rules, they say, for wet weather (5)
- 23 British sailors chained – curious impediment (9)
- 25 Brown's back in step – only to languish (8)
- 26 Chinese system of callisthenics (3,3)
- 27 PCO designed to keep hot lines OK (9,5)

Down

- 1 Imaginary creature, a dream I'm making up (7)
- 2 Area in the east, a part where the glitterati better their chances (5)
- 3 The grounds on which to restrict the supply of drink (9)

- 4 Time to think up new resolutions? (4,3)
- 5 Live with eleven in an eastern way (5)
- 6 Card expressing love designed by Venetian student (9)
- 7 Nap makes Poles dribble (6)
- 10 Where money is made (4)
- 14 Invent a brief act somehow (9)
- 16 *The Times*, say, to support a book (9)
- 17 Rely on including husband in drive (6)
- 18 Release from the yoke (7)
- 19 Symbol, reportedly, of a trigonometric function (4)
- 20 Pillar – an honour bestowed on new silk (7)
- 22 Superficial burn caused by some fireworks in general (5)
- 24 Mexican dish can upset habitual offender (5)

Solution to Puzzle 8498

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