

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8721

Across

- 1 Could a closing be a kind of offence? (10)
- 7 Big hit of a party (4)
- 9 Two cats in a drum (3-3)
- 10 A citizen that no one backs in African province (8)
- 11 Brood over and arbitrate, accommodating head of trust (8)
- 12 Bacon's source, a writer in a sty (6)
- 13 Military unit to destroy a bridge (7)
- 16 Deny profit, for example (7)
- 17 Sack the insect, arsonist (7)
- 19 Convenience at any time by arrangement (7)
- 22 Astounded by a ghost with change of heart (6)
- 23 Lab chemicals of a strange eastern sort (8)
- 26 Bovine feature sought after by marksmen (5, 3)
- 27 Unit for American gas (6)
- 28 Advantage of heavy metal (4)
- 29 Relative move by senior nurse (10)

- 6 Substance emanating at a séance place: most unusual (9)
- 7 Second-grade, inferior, firearm, a weapon used for shooting poisoned darts (7)
- 8 A trapper's model of what a service station should have (5,4)
- 14 It gives the measure of a fall (4,5)
- 15 The oldest bus repaired? Certainly (9)
- 18 Provided with the means, girl extorted money (7)
- 20 Partner of pins in causing a tingling (7)
- 21 The place to apply a lubricant, say (6)
- 24 Watchful guardian caught in a peculiar gustatory exercise (5)
- 25 A bit of a tiny aperture that serves as a fulcrum for the oar (5)

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Solution to Puzzle 8720

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Down

- 2 Measure, one for gas (5)
- 3 The stuff of a vacuum? (7)
- 4 Dance, boy, with bachelor (5)
- 5 A cap for the motor engine (6)

