

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8772

Across

- 1 Jeer, as lawyers draw off (7)
 5 Vessel dressed in flower could flourish (7)
 9 Met man's idea of what tomorrow may bring makes a water fetcher so troubled (7,8)
 10 Two cats with a drum (3-3)
 11 Beaten by an exploit in action (8)
 13 Reversing a time of despair, artist begins haranguing a bad-tempered old woman (8)
 15 Top cover for a spinner, perhaps (6)
 18 Hard substance, good cover for canines for one (6)
 19 Vegetable that the campus in-charge cooked (8)
 22 Trouble for aircraft as follower goes quickly back (8)
 24 Little person is satisfied about identification? Good (6)
 27 Nerve gas, mustard gas, phosgene etc. (8,7)
 28 Eastern priest, ailing, gets breathing space (7)
 29 Mother most often has something here to keep things hot (7)

Down

- 1 Cast a spell and grumble about the orient and the occident (7)
 2 The kingdom of a true leader of monks (5)
 3 Goddess of love who hired a top designer (9)
 4 Church of Scotland (4)
 5 Phone that is second-grade, more crude (6)
 6 Fat order includes two directions (5)
 7 Clever Dick who could irritate young Guinness (5,4)
 8 A drama to spell out the bull killer (7)

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- 12 Girl backing a convict (3)
 14 At sea, diners get troubled by eagerness (9)
 16 Stubborn alumni dined, pocketing money (9)
 17 Club for a flier (3)
 18 Tempter who could quote back about the north (7)
 20 Tim is so thrilled by cell division (7)
 21 One of Long John Silver's ilk (6)
 23 Star Wars, for one (3-2)
 25 Grand weaving device causes melancholy (5)
 26 Sharp blow for a special police unit (4)

Solution to Puzzle 8771

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