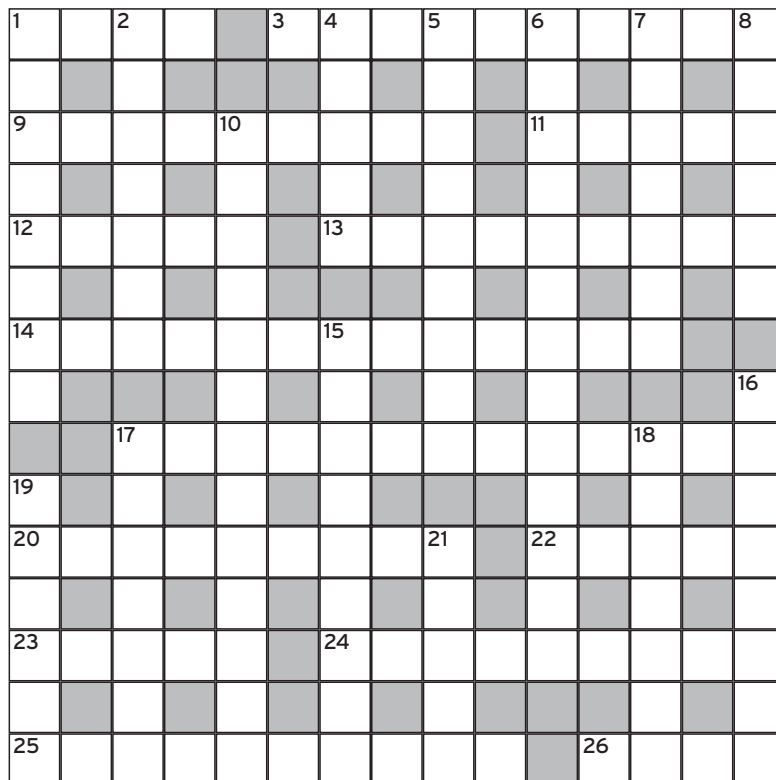


The Hindu Crossword No. 2681

Across

- 1 Tramp in hospital - old boy needs oxygen (4)
 3 Drunk by male wearing very large garment (3-2-5)
 9 Choice made by son voting (9)
 11 Farewell to the Parisian about to depart (5)
 12 Salesman returned holding silver bleeper (5)
 13 Gets grime shifted with these kitchen devices (3,6)
 14 Insect coming from Granny Smith apple, I fancy, needs help to get out (7,6)
 17 Language used by Everyman to summon dog? (7,6)
 20 Material brought back by head law enforcer (5,4)
 22 A wild cat's light weight (5)
 23 Girl taking in Italian musical (5)
 24 Gradually sample tea, perhaps (9)
 25 Thomas, say, in reservoir on military machine (4,6)
 26 Agreed to put on *Cymbeline*, ultimately (4)



Down

- 1 With gardening aid, weed round end of beds and whistle (8)
 2 Boy hasn't finished a long fried sausage (7)
 4 Join group on top of Everest (5)
 5 Essay from Dr No, with diagram (9)
 6 Amphibian that's burrowed down for food? (4-2-3-4)
 7 Idle talk about it, King Edward's spats (7)
 8 'Game in mist spoiled' - that's a self-evident statement (6)
 10 Wealthy clientele in freight business (8,5)
 15 Pet one used for experimentation (6,3)
 16 Staunch Conservative rightly depressed (4,4)
 17 Conduct inciting rebellion? Head of state ignored issue (7)
 18 Hybrid fruit - tons delivered to Dundee? (7)
 19 Deficiency in desert (6)
 21 Irish novelist reportedly having a forbidding appearance (5)

Solution No. 2680

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