

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8864

Across

- 1 When the attendant is about, I am smarter (8)
 5 A naval revolver (6)
 9 Nair and Lily describing some Twelfth Night characters (8)
 10 Wildly stake out royal bar (6)
 12 The leader of thugs is in France for trial (4)
 13 Maybe it was bellowed at the groom's joke (5,5)
 15 Rocky evil? (6)
 17 Part of those pale flowers (5)
 20 Bays about small gap (5)
 21 For instance, AP hand? (6)
 24 Turkish estuary that may go with the quest of the Argonauts? (6,4)
 27 Hat-band of the saint (4)
 29 Pieces of furniture in clever deployment in back-street (6)
 30 Trivia as distributed by keeper of caged birds (8)
 31 Arranges again for wayward stree to accept son (6)
 32 Cut up? If right, serve a dessert (5,3)

Down

- 1 Delicate lawyer on tiny aberration (6)
 2 Join up in silent revolution (6)
 3 Being quick, secret agent hides close to corridor (4)
 4 Are about to bring up poetry muse (5)
 6 Wait __ dark: 1967 thriller (5)
 7 Provides with new machines, with no end to rush jokes (2-6)
 8 Lakh toed gingerly to become established (4,4)
 11 Four out to spend the summer in hacienda (6)
 14 Experts don't begin competitions (4)
 16 Hate to see two articles together (6)

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- 17 Send packing in his acknowledged style (4)
 18 Sound of amusement subsequently includes an expression of disgust (8)
 19 BAs sully novel course of studies (8)
 22 Crazy fellow: "When the attendant is about, I am smarter" (6)
 23 An odds-on choice: "The End of the Lighted Cigar" (3,3)
 25 Plain I'd not be present for the happening (5)
 26 Flower I have hidden in the car (5)
 28 Sages return from Hawaii gambol (4)

Solution to Puzzle 8863

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