

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8931

Across

- 1 State of ruthless competition, not necessarily only for beasts (3,2,3,6)
- 8 Diminutive title abroad wraps liberal (6)
- 9 A daredevil on screen perhaps (5,3)
- 11 Fairies manage to provide submarine aid (9)
- 12 Location of the Crimea Conference of 1945 (5)
- 13 Videos, can be seen by all, but, however, dishonest (7)
- 15 Lively fellow, a bridge player and hockey player (7)
- 17 Cheese for an actor, it is doctored (7)
- 19 Where one may wait, to be picked up for money (3,4)
- 21 Guys' partners in an outstanding musical (5)
- 23 Fairly good role – table building (9)
- 25 Stirred up by a vigil, end unexpected (8)
- 26 What gives South Indian coffee its uniqueness? (6)
- 27 Swaraj, for which fervent men slog painfully (4-10)

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Down

- 1 Floating leaf, oddly pallid, a bit yellow inside (4,3)
- 2 Essential element, note, that could be enveloped in conflict (5)
- 3 Prove inadequate with right half lost, paralysed (4,5)
- 4 Jack replaces first of worthless one's notebooks (7)
- 5 Girl in American city, a nursemaid (5)
- 6 Chaplin's spot? (9)
- 7 Peacekeeper's expo is partial (6)
- 10 Sleep in ship after party (4)

- 14 Blow hot and cold but give up about a couple of pounds (9)
- 16 An addition that could make TN noisier perhaps (9)
- 17 Artist with a face like a kind of tyre (6)
- 18 Decorate endlessly anew in 1930s style (3,4)
- 19 Inrepid type perhaps (4)
- 20 A report I rewrote for a pantomime character (7)
- 22 Support for a quiet, mischievous child (5)
- 24 Steep climb, utterly exhausting, to find a flat-topped hill (5)

Solution to Puzzle 8930

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