

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8977

Across

- 1 Mad Hatter refused lightest of brushed (7,6)
- 8 Reservation of the boards without an alternative (7)
- 9 Trade vehicles (7)
- 11 Nigeria settles account on first arrangement made with Iran's currency? (6)
- 13 Sham claim (8)
- 15 Moses climbs this hill to receive commands (5)
- 16 It is nothing to equip foreign friend with work on paper out east (7)
- 18 Many a steak left eventually start to shrivel up (7)
- 19 Tenth month relates to number eight? (5)
- 21 The hangar on equal to a site (8)
- 23 Cover story with article inside (6)
- 25 Company car crashed on small animal on American road (7)
- 26 A guy not liking work – a difficult problem! (7)
- 28 This player makes middling progress (6,7)

Down

- 2 Excitement of Beethoven's third movement (7)
- 3 Most of the side have a drink (3)
- 4 Creative need to make a beautiful garden (4)
- 5 Decided to be resolute (10)
- 6 Begin with leading performer on time (5)
- 7 Former Turkish officer made a point very loud at end (7)
- 8 Seaside jumper for the beach yacht captain? (4,7)
- 10 His mate will put an end to the game (5,6)
- 12 Diana on way to the emirates bids

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- farewell (5)
- 14 To make sufficient to live on requires know how (10)
- 17 An assembly place for past artist (5)
- 18 The craft shown by many a forecaster (7)
- 20 Garment pulled up over rest of our lower body (7)
- 22 Have a game with a good fellow (5)
- 24 African state supplied by Japanese admiral (4)
- 27 Give a hand to strike! (3)

Solution to puzzle 8976

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