

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8981

Across

- 1 Person providing food for a pet with much hesitation (7)
 5 A bird that chatters! (7)
 9 Conveys a statement of facts (7)
 10 Cavalrymen dance (7)
 11 Wizard from fairy tale country with atmosphere filled with oxygen (5)
 12 Wouldn't compete, yet scored (9)
 13 Graduate held by the odd artisan to be a caring person (9)
 15 Adhesive that father has to set anew (5)
 16 First Gothic architect to grind his teeth (5)
 18 True, dates should be processed quickly (9)
 21 I am to intercede next (9)
 24 Mother must be the one who checks (5)
 25 Punishment for one getting in the money (7)
 26 Issued so it is said (7)
 27 Form of language peculiar to a class (7)
 28 Father reads all about the public promenade (7)

Down

- 1 Scoundrel obtaining credit notes with a lot of interest (7)
 2 The upper Sixth is what all athletes hope to be in (3,4)
 3 This element is thin on the ground (4,5)
 4 Regiment takes advantage of tricky manoeuvres (5)
 5 The queen's content to make cuts exhibiting a democratic spirit (9)
 6 Article of faith unaffected by uprising (5)
 7 They attach themselves to others for personal gain (7)
 8 What's left over after dues are

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- somehow settled (7)
 14 Will change statement (9)
 15 Arrangement afoot for Peter to do me in (9)
 16 Held spell bound (7)
 17 Egyptian god turning up first class remedy for the faint hearted (7)
 19 A weary sounding "Are you decent?" (7)
 20 Foolishly trades string of invectives (7)
 22 Compact office at a quarter (5)
 23 Furnish with what is needed (5)

Solution to puzzle 8980

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