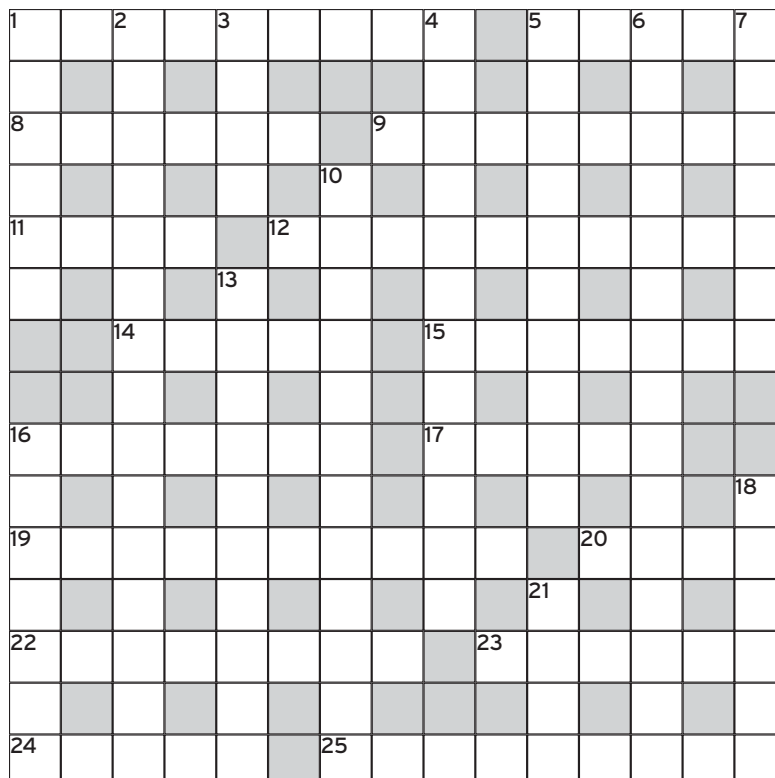


THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9172

Across

- 1 Self-conscious? Can it be hid in bluster? (9)
- 5 Wise men have a long time on board ship (5)
- 8 Pots, cups, saucers and so on that annoy leader of troops (3,3)
- 9 One who notices an English paper (8)
- 11 Small creature with power, say (4)
- 12 Having three sides is dead right in court action (10)
- 14 Desensitise using some plain ureides (5)
- 15 Excellent article: "Spinners" (3,4)
- 16 Dish made from roots, its' new (7)
- 17 Making knots (5)
- 19 A card game, unfinished, reportedly denoted shortening (10)
- 20 Ruler born in a joint (4)
- 22 Units of work done by humans or otherwise (3-5)
- 23 Bird that talks the usual nonsense (6)
- 24 What a flier may do to keep 'down' in good shape (5)
- 25 And a flier to try out another's performance (4,5)



Down

- 1 Eventually, it can be early too (2,4)
- 2 A cover for well-being? (6,9)
- 3 The drink for a heartless drinking bout (4)
- 4 Weakening an abiding title deviously (12)
- 5 Grapefruit? Penny, that is dear (7-3)
- 6 Mountbatten, after 15 August 1947 (8,7)

- 7 Half of Russia upset over positive excess (7)
- 10 Command of excellence gives honour for the British (5,2,5)
- 13 Diligently tracked with a hound, duke went crazy (6,4)
- 16 A motorist may be lost without it (4,3)
- 18 Exist as a bird or leave (4,2)
- 21 Source of light that takes low unit of current (4)

Solution to Puzzle 9171

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