

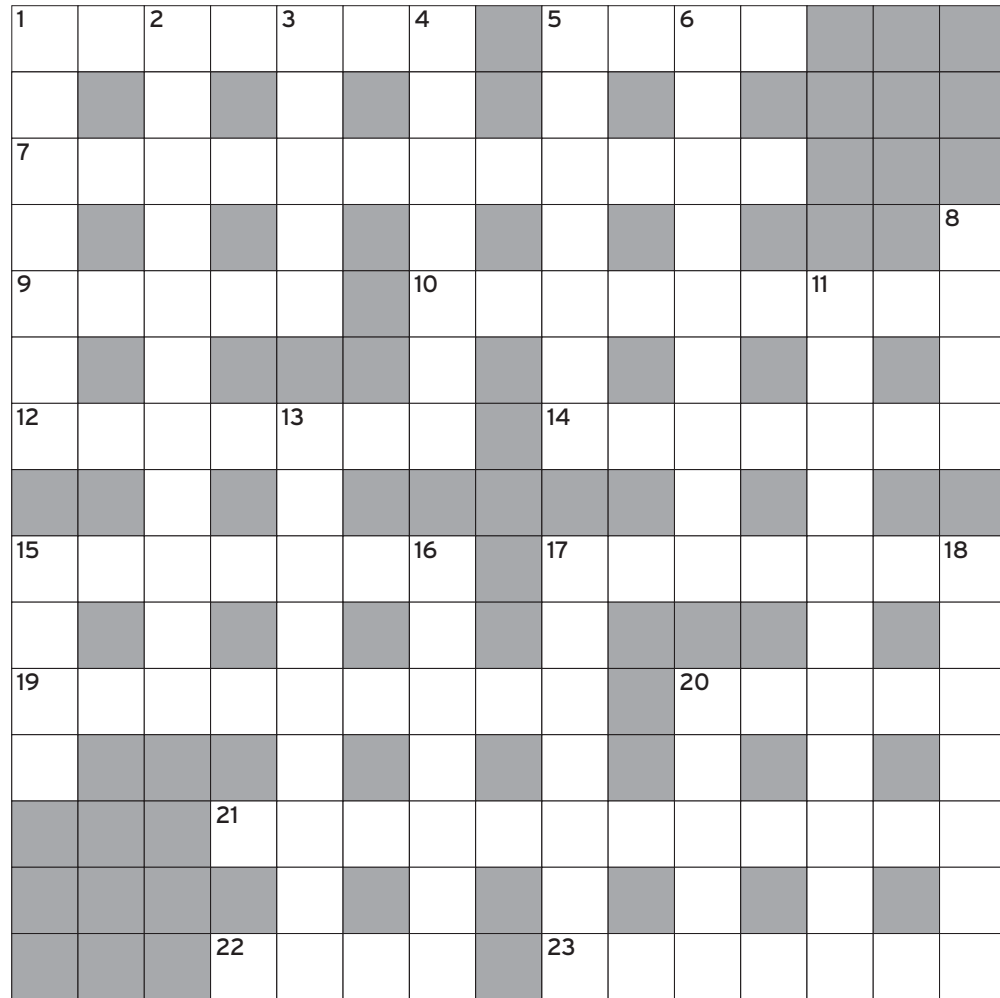
The Hindu Crossword No. 2493

Across

- 1 In essence, a nasty threat (2,5)
- 5 Composer in taxi going back to hospital (4)
- 7 My daughter's to advise public prosecutor (4,8)
- 9 Approaches some within earshot (5)
- 10 Tries during proper drill (9)
- 12 Names I confused after onset of awful medical condition (7)
- 14 Spot inhabited by American bear (7)
- 15 One of three allowed to go on outing (7)
- 17 English breaking records as well (7)
- 19 Key German city - lecture mostly about one (9)
- 20 Dogsbody, good for running round Egypt's capital (5)
- 21 Achieves the required result as a conjuror? (4,3,5)
- 22 Play about king in ancient city (4)
- 23 Baseball player in jug (7)

Down

- 1 One adult missing from Handel opera in US city (7)
- 2 Physically fit, but callous (4,2,5)
- 3 Collect a lot (5)
- 4 Pub with a small restaurant (7)
- 5 Bishop's account tainted such a god (7)
- 6 Wounded girls with swords (9)
- 8 Tart in trousers half off (4)
- 11 Rugby player is hard and aloof (11)
- 13 Shell out about fifty on our show (9)
- 15 Before end of encounter, draw level (4)
- 16 Keen, a number carrying spades (7)
- 17 Ring party, or page? (7)
- 18 One expected to score in match? (7)
- 20 Verbally attacked kid nicking piece of tiling (5)



Solution No. 2492

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