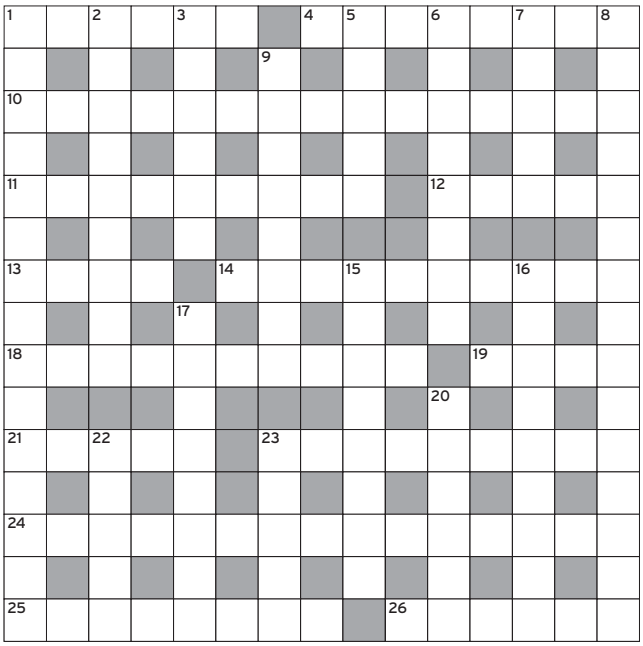
The Hindu Crossword No. 2496



Across

1 One who nicks metal? (6)
4 Crowns one with a vegetable? (8)
10 And on came stupid comic, joke teller (5-2,8)
11 House in city on the Lune (9)
12 Press in entrance hall (5)
13 Pantomime character made merry (4)
14 Gambling game attended by Italian chap in Riviera resort (5,5)
18 One who can't take it? (10)
19 Island, still English (4)
21 Provide witty remark after end of charade (5)
23 Awfully smart, made capital (9)
24 One Columbian, one drunk on very rare occasions (4,2,1,4,4)
25 Climbing plant cute ape chewed up (5,3)
26 B---- Brit? My word! (6)

Down

1 Keep hairy novel (6,9)
2 Schemes involving one servant, a person on the level? (9)
3 Win over intent listener (6)
5 Love affair starts to annoy most of us (5)
6 Detective story by Haggard – left in lurch? (8)
7 Cold, member making ascent (5)
8 Song – 'Three Coins ...'? (5,5,5)
9 Points to broken cuspidor (8)
15 They must accommodate girl over in Greek region (8)
16 Parasite, plump despicable person (9)
17 Monk in carriage tips rarely (8)
20 Tell about meat (6)
22 Pawnbroker has soiled article removed (5)
23 Humiliate a foundation (5)

Solution No. 2495

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