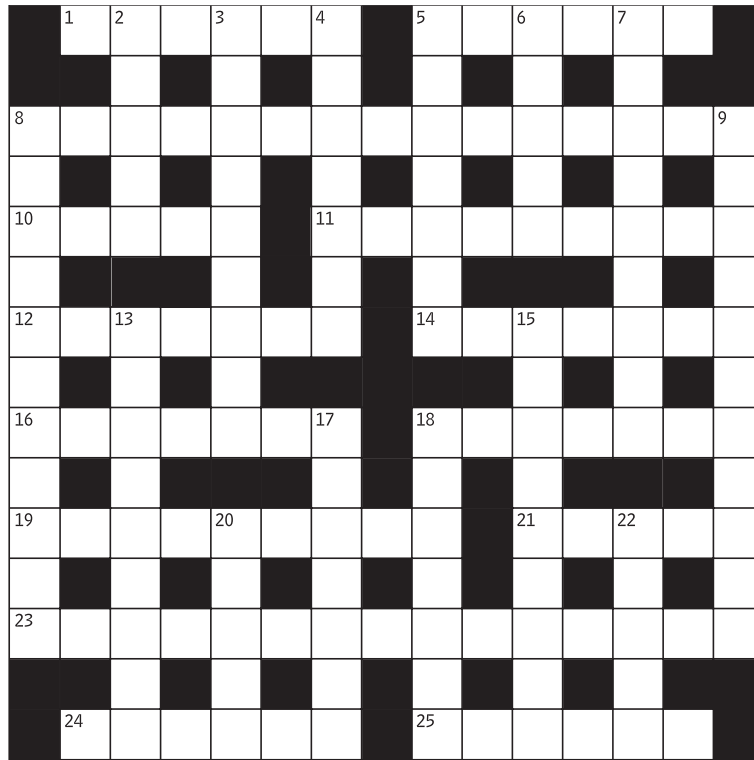


The Hindu Crossword No. 2509



Across

- 1 I'm unfortunately suffering setback - it must be the sausage (6)
 5 Stupid being blunt (6)
 8 Tigris and Euphrates, for the record (6,2,7)
 10 Rubbish may be left in large crate at the far end (5)
 11 Runs from large farm in a valley in flood (9)
 12 Full? New peer's allowed inside (7)
 14 Key drug is not available (7)
 16 Lucky dip bishop organised on boat (4,3)
 18 Snide remark about a zodiac sign in chart (7)
 19 Fight back at atelier resolved (9)
 21 Went via the underground, returned in launch (5)
 23 Maltreated pets of card sharp short of money (8,3,4)
 24 Spirit's label beginning to yellow (6)
 25 Grave-digger attacked, about ten (6)

Down

- 2 Iron block found in Russian village (5)
 3 Correspondence emissary brought over about me returning (9)
 4 One so overdue has to be cut off (7)
 5 Oscar, or band playing in support? (2,5)
 6 I chewed up a bone (5)
 7 Lawyer is cool - writ amended without hint of worry (9)
 8 Scottish poet depicting Welsh actress, Rachel, crossing stream (6,5)
 9 Cleaned them out for a local derby, perhaps (6,5)
 13 Tradesman dressing emergency room (9)
 15 Magnificent farceur keeping quiet in film (5,4)
 17 First to eat in remarkable nearby restaurant that's cheap (7)
 18 French army officer wants short fuse attached to nest (7)
 20 Nobody's child? (5)
 22 Hired assassin's code word (5)

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