

The Hindu Crossword No. 2745

Across

- 1 Birch in middle of Belleau Wood? (4)
 3 Talk socially? Jack Sprat's wife would! (4,3,3)
 9 Bombardier holding scourge finally gets physical (9)
 11 Magistrate in sudden change of direction rejected piece of evidence (5)
 12 Ring a Scottish inventor about capital... (6)
 13 ...in addition to a rise wanted by a head in sales (2,4,2)
 15 Gain an advantage over boy carrying duck leading a parade (5,1,5,2)
 18 Understood drug made one go faster? (8,5)
 20 Distressed Hellenic material (8)
 21 Beast causing bedlam in abattoir? Some taken aback (6)
 24 Fish in mouth of Tigris, river abroad (5)
 25 Eccentric person's fly cemetery? (9)
 26 Misleading clue embarrassed Hercule, initially slipping up (3,7)
 27 Feel sorry for yours, at the start, positioned behind mine (4)

Down

- 1 A pass intercepted by the French in game (8)
 2 Trust criminal in bar? (5)
 4 Reportedly the man *would* mind! (4)
 5 Film everyone in wide thoroughfare (4,6)
 6 Strong box hidden inside sprawling southern tree (5,8)
 7 Independent country importing fish (9)
 8 Fly aboard jet set's 'executive' (6)
 10 Con the Parisian following alleged assassin in Lancs town (13)
 14 Career in new lumber plant? (10)
 16 Large bird of prey perched on golf club tree (9)
 17 Extramarital sex destroyed lady? True (8)
 19 Duck, child's toy - one Oscar brought out (6)
 22 Dolphins? Here's the place to see them (5)
 23 Spell 'vase' after bit of tuition (4)

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Solution No. 2744

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