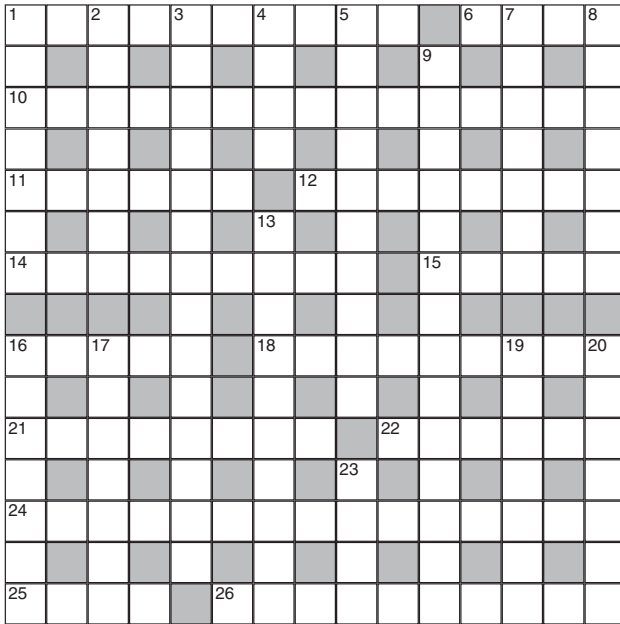


The Hindu Crossword No. 2497



25 Spots name inside card (4)

26 Camp in clearing (10)

Down

1 Ran in race with the rabble, reportedly, and was in front (7)

2 Entertaining at college, start smoking (5,2)

3 CO found in it too, surprisingly unfit (3,2,9)

4 Sounds like quite a ceremony (4)

5 Capable of grasping English, peer abroad's no good (10)

7 Fuss about rep exploding weapon (7)

8 Buttonhole girl drinking last drop of wine (dry) (7)

9 Rear gunner to take care of fool full of trouble (4-3,7)

13 Sheep hut the Spanish erected is falling to pieces (10)

16 Criticise expert, one advertising cure-all (7)

17 Programme to improve health of most of army unit (7)

19 US airline duke led astray with nonsensical talk (7)

20 Take flight from secluded place (7)

23 Kitty receiving piece of snail mail (4)

Across

1 Plant is from other pole, I suspect (10)

6 Deliberately cause trouble by spreading rumours in prison (4)

10 Guess her tutor's lost without a reference book (6,9)

11 Excuse made by the Parisian to favourite female (3,3)

12 Recklessly determined, he left Libya's capital with criminal (4-4)

14 Envoys may produce certificates crossing this, initially (9)

15 Snare quickly springs back on mouse's tail (5)

16 Cut off — father embarrassed (5)

18 Canvasser may be mad (loco) — is it right? (9)

21 Bird — flighty thing on pot (8)

22 Empty tin in tank (6)

24 What's generally appreciated as an advantage at Wimbledon, say? (6,9)

Solution to 2496

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