

Crossword iph010 by Ian P. Hudson

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Across

- 1 Talk in Almora by endless people at number 42 on one of two regional dialects. (7).
- 5 Near extinct Dutch creole in Guyana. Don't believe me, huh, Yank? Well the big boss pussy cat just left! (5)
- 8 Semitic official language in Addis. (7)
- 9 People of central Sudan laugh briefly at America (5).
- 11 Split talks of shiny metal — and grain for farl. (5)
- 12 All sorts of song and dance — between a place in Provence and half a stamp, that is! (7)
- 14 Best-remembered role of PM's father-in-law as described by his ditto! (6,3)
- 18 Kokborok and Bengali spoken; what a state! (7)
- 20 Mesoamerican language — and what in Spanish follows an endless collection of wild animals (5)
- 22 Talk now of mountain tribes north-east of Gujarat. (5)
- 23 From the Latin, Polanski with a chip? (7)
- 24 Wedge us into our seats at the opera, after I collapse this spring-loaded hat. (5)
- 25 Supergrass with stove mixed up in most spoken Shona dialect in Zimbabwe. (7)

Down

- 2 Talk in Izhevsk is mixed: of mud and rut (winter depression perhaps?) or of drum and the start of Guido's musical scale. (6)
- 3 I cram in equal quantities chopped tongue in Syria. (7)
- 4 Tangled wool combed out of hairs of lion lying head-down. (4)
- 6 People belonging (they say) to seven celestial families in Meghalaya. (5)
- 7 Majority language of Afghanistan has a violent infatuation to deal with. (6)
- 10 Language of small ethnic group in Guinea-Bissau looks like trivial stuff next to the Spanish article. (5)
- 13 Vanishing language of black Jews by virtue of being the Egyptian sun god. (5)
- 15 Gramatica (1895) of a language of Luzon. (7)
- 16 Dravidian language in Balochistan juxtaposes pectoral undergarment and subdivision of spoken Chinese! (6)
- 17 County where Zhuang is spoken places sole Empress next to famous dynasty. (6)
- 19 Tiny, new Pacific island nation (5)
- 21 Polyp secretion that left left shows Mexican language, French rocket, U.S. cellist, and even the goddess Persephone! (4)