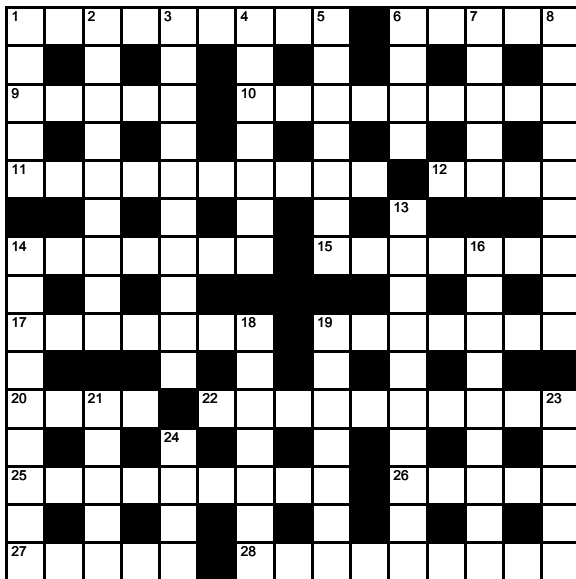


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,688 Set by CRUX



A prize of *The Good Word Guide* by Martin Manser and *How to Sound Clever* by Hubert van den Bergh will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday May 18 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,688 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday May 23.

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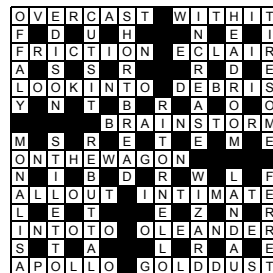
- 1 A butcher's working capital (9)
- 6 Mob invading smashes war memorial (5)
- 9 Support and comfort wanted by fifty (5)
- 10 State qualification (9)
- 11 Straighten out with devastating result (10)
- 12 What Cupid has, say, for a sweet-heart (4)
- 14 Probes made by policemen once, loud not quiet (7)
- 15 Rewrite history with king, not 21, opposing Lancaster (7)
- 17 I choose whether spades lead or not (7)
- 19 Artist's bow tie (2)
- 20 Rather dull old poet rejected (4)
- 22 Cart bearing single male requiring transplant tissue (4,6)
- 25 Does it pan out where diggers live? (9)
- 26 Good-for-nothing Reid plays out-side left (5)
- 27 A number of Soviet heroes (5)
- 28 Socialist worker welcomes German and ends up jobless! (9)

DOWN

- 1 You may follow it after involuntary expulsion! (5)
- 2 Look! Drunken Ray can't see right away (4,2,3)
- 3 Fortune people held in fiddling salt quotas (10)
- 4 replays in which opponents want hearts (7)

- 5 Occupation found in centre of boisterous French city (7)
- 6 Become diamonds possibly (4)
- 7 Quiet words spoken in a swindle, oddly (5)
- 8 Horse with rider joins as part of posse (9)
- 13 There's the rub, seen also in 21 (10)
- 14 Bird that ploughmen have for lunch? (9)
- 16 Where outlaw hides in Albania (among other things) (5,4)
- 18 Flute with note missing – requisition another! (7)
- 19 Prisoner initially let out like Punch? (7)
- 21 What's often omitted in speech (5)
- 23 Superlative? Paradoxically, it is! (5)
- 24 What boxers do at 28, mostly (4)

SOLUTION 13,676



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on May 21