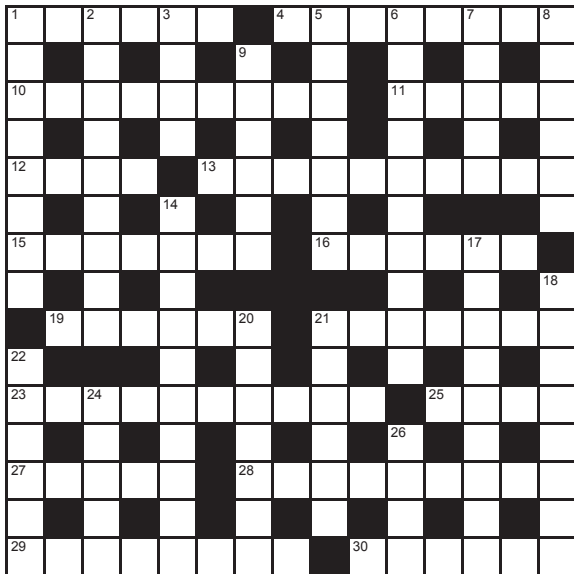


PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,896 Set by DANTE



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 January 18 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,896 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 23.

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ACROSS

- 1 Patches cuffs (6)
- 4 Alienate sergeant in mess (8)
- 10 It lowers the tone, so to speak (5,4)
- 11 Spirit often drunk in ancient times (5)
- 12 Forecast for fish (4)
- 13 Stress that it's less than twenty (10)
- 15 They dash off to an away match (7)
- 16 Sea air (6)
- 19 Urges some simple modification (6)
- 21 Kitty puts flag on vessel (7)
- 23 Green plan to recycle (10)
- 25 Blueprint of factory nearing completion (4)
- 27 Loin cloth can make a number very warm I conclude (5)
- 28 Shows bias before court officials (9)
- 29 Clay urn, one used for cooking (8)
- 30 Restrained and punished a schoolchild (4,2)

DOWN

- 1 Maybe more cuts will attract one (8)
- 2 In poor shape and not playing well (3,2,4)
- 3 Blow up and down (4)
- 5 They get stuck into pieces of meat (7)
- 6 Insects are developing immunity (10)

- 7 Two Poles about to set up job centre? Untrue (3,2)
- 8 Novice loses head as a breadwinner (6)
- 9 Cash reserves (6)
- 14 Uninspired footman (10)
- 17 Highest stairway leading to penthouse flat? (3-6)
- 18 Substitutes a man that's good with bad (6,2)
- 20 Earring found on the railway (7)
- 21 A man of stone (6)
- 22 Sharp detectives in rising US intelligence organisation (6)
- 24 As you can see, it forms a ring (5)
- 26 Fool wanting to be paid to admit parking (4)

SOLUTION 13,886



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