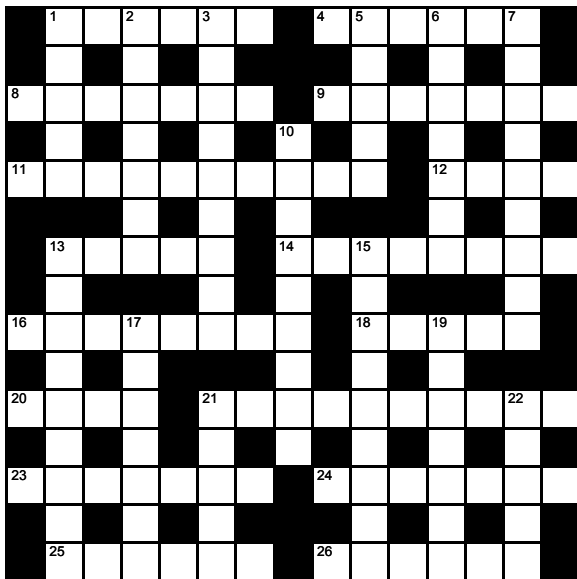


PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,578 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 5, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,578 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 10.

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ACROSS

- 1 Peels off in layers (6)
- 4 He gives notice, working when others may be playing (6)
- 8 Delivery men? (7)
- 9 Up in arms (7)
- 11 The points of quarrels (10)
- 12 Bring up, or what you may bring up (4)
- 13 Stick to external veto (5)
- 14 Mishap caused by stress – I'd go into it (8)
- 16 He has broken links with one foreign capital (8)
- 18 Officer in difficult situation turned to other ranks (5)
- 20 Miss having a nap on Sunday (4)
- 21 It's cold in the country – you need a fur (10)
- 23 Approves of indications of support (7)
- 24 They are said to be just barren areas (7)
- 25 Can you beat it for personal adornment? (6)
- 26 Unions strangely in agreement (6)

DOWN

- 1 Search thoroughly and flush out (5)
- 2 Empires have the exclusive right to do this (4,3)

- 3 Separate layer on ruined Greek temple (9)
- 5 Gathers in spare parts (5)
- 6 Dispensed with red tape and came to the point (7)
- 7 New or ancient vessel (9)
- 10 Patricia's in trouble, living at the expense of one's host (9)
- 13 Baker ordered firm to supply meal (9)
- 15 Arrive with fresh request for admission (4,5)
- 17 Stay second (7)
- 19 Carpenters likely to become union members? (7)
- 21 Contents of many an ancient vessel (5)
- 22 Language of a quarter of Parisians (5)

SOLUTION 13,567

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 8