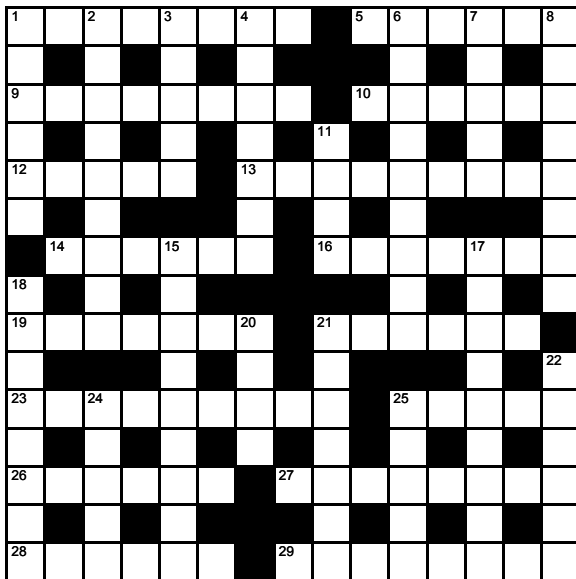


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,611 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 February 16, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,611 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday February 21.

NAME.....

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ACROSS

- 1 Ought, with hesitation, to take responsibility (8)
- 5 Fly spitfire by day (6)
- 9 Suffers divorce and goes to pieces (6,2)
- 10 Leaves a difficult dancer's move (6)
- 12 Alternately, Warsaw's also in a former state (2,3)
- 13 Right servant to start work (5,4)
- 14 Name and number for a subordinate (6)
- 16 From this raw spirits are made (7)
- 19 Showing unusual promise, he may take part for money (7)
- 21 Slim elves play around the square (6)
- 23 New pro - he wins title (9)
- 25 Waves get bigger (5)
- 26 An ABC-man, say? (6)
- 27 Decline to remove wrinkles? (8)
- 28 Continued getting salted nuts (6)
- 29 Swindler, slow-witted, has to concentrate (8)
- 7 Not an all-American name for a girl (5)
- 8 Move to break concentration (8)
- 11 Store between 180 and 270 degrees (4)
- 15 Deliberate exaggeration may possibly be her ploy (9)
- 17 Advocates getting money to create large food store (5,4)
- 18 Marriage or adoption (8)
- 20 Drive away uphill, with exclamations of surprise (4)
- 21 C-in-C starts to drink, gets more merry (7)
- 22 Do some asset stripping to run church (6)
- 24 Proverbially hard on one's toes? (5)
- 25 A bit quiet and embarrassed (5)

DOWN

- 1 Underground route (6)
- 2 Too much rudder admitted first watch to master (9)
- 3 Appreciates prizes (5)
- 4 Hot line? (7)
- 6 Cut a dash (9)

SOLUTION 13,599



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on February 19