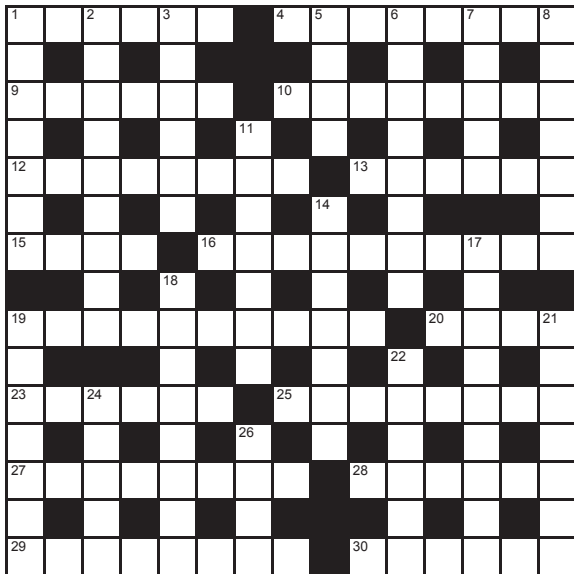


CROSSWORD

No. 13,880 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 Thursday December 29 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,880 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Tuesday January 3.

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ACROSS

- 1 Buy tea loose, it delights the senses (6)
- 4 One ordered to be silent (8)
- 9 He takes things the wrong way (6)
- 10 I'm not afraid to speak – probably! (1,4,3)
- 12 Quarter-deck cutters (8)
- 13 Loathe endless study before exam (6)
- 15 Pedestrian walkway? (4)
- 16 Five are eating fresh vegetables and fruit (10)
- 19 Kipling's game forest and reserve? (6,4)
- 20 Incentive to provide a branch road (4)
- 23 Port required to finish university course (6)
- 25 Run faster in striking football kit (8)
- 27 Set upon one's fiancée (8)
- 28 Be only involved as a second wife to Henry (6)
- 29 Aim to ban corruption in the province (8)
- 30 Ran fast when bombarded (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sort of clip found at the end of a lead (7)
- 2 Commercial address indicates high esteem (9)
- 3 Quake in the centre, more or less (6)
- 5 Healthy dislike may make one so (4)
- 6 Grating that goes on top, of course (8)
- 7 Lives with a woman and one's offspring (5)

- 8 See how far one may go to test a new suit (3,2,2)
- 11 They tell us how to write endless bad verse, perhaps (7)
- 14 Edward lifts firm with spirit and dignity (7)
- 17 Tense – and that's not good (9)
- 18 Undergarment has difficulty for Granny, say (4-4)
- 19 Bone-idle excluded from organised diamond jubilees of monotheistic faith (7)
- 21 Regretted planting tree in the shade (7)
- 22 Wood and metal container on the beach (6)
- 24 We hear public school is absorbed in the system (5)
- 26 Flycatcher first became an English Channel swimmer (4)

SOLUTION 13,868



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