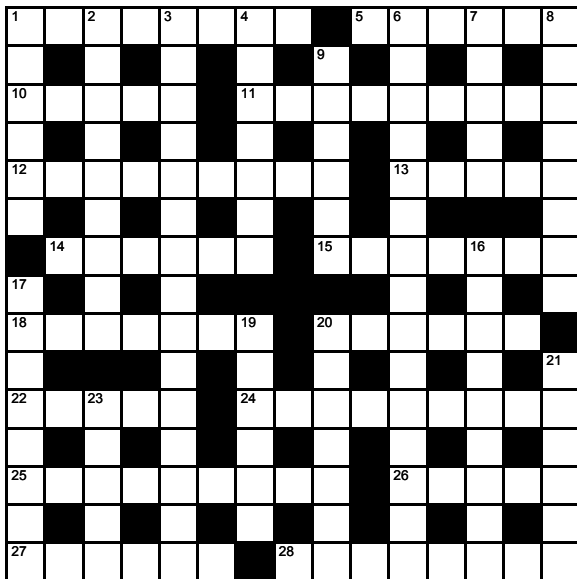


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,555 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 December 8, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,555 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday December 13.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 A flat in New York (8)
- 5 Way some papers portray class division (6)
- 10 Reign out of control in W. Africa (5)
- 11 Influence lawyers to make racist policy (6,3)
- 12 Quality credit (9)
- 13 Happy and glorious doesn't begin to describe those days (5)
- 14 Greek guard from eastern region securing victory (6)
- 15 Part of capital, yet not 17, oddly (4,3)
- 18 Set aside law, yet returned to crime, we hear (7)
- 20 Where a snob worked, in the end (2,4)
- 22 Relax! By 50 you get support (5)
- 24 Entomologist – or pathologist, perhaps (3-6)
- 25 They may reveal the age of our elders (4,5)
- 26 Some popular urchins return from the country (5)
- 27 The British tree? Yes, but not English! (6)
- 28 Doctor Oscar's in a stupor (8)

DOWN

- 1 Chinese favourites put in soup and a sandwich (6)
- 2 Non-immigrants welcome, for example . . . no, no, no! (9)
- 3 Soldiers embarrassed at military error (11,4)

- 4 Miss Havisham was about to get mis-spelt clues (7)
- 6 Artist often overlooked in his day (8-7)
- 7 Plant the opposite of 19? (5)
- 8 In a dream, somehow, it's steep (8)
- 9 Charge too much for winter coat (6)
- 16 Hire purchase popular with schoolchildren (4,5)
- 17 Relation confused with Genghis Khan, say (8)
- 19 To expose, chuck out of bed? (6)
- 20 "Stately", a fitting name for the state capital (7)
- 21 Gatherings absent from thrift shops (6)
- 23 Kind of power 5 has no right to (5)

SOLUTION 13,543



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on December 11