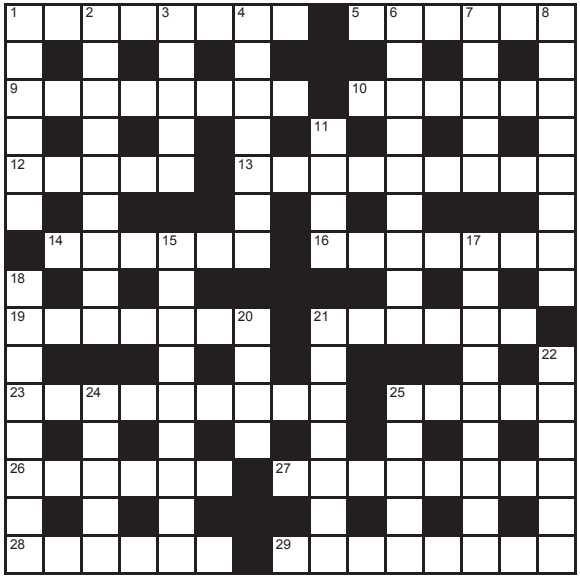
CROSSWORD

No. 13,868 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 December 14 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,868 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday December 19.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

1 Fabric obtained for ready money only (8)
5 Rarely taken walk (6)
9 Confront Wolves, say, in the mud (4,4)
10 A hard back for sailors (6)
12 Classic appearing in 151AD (5)
13 Official reformer of prison etc (9)
14 They may be more than a touch unlucky for some batsmen (6)
16 Cleric angered about being screened (7)
19 The notoriety only a hypochondriac would enjoy (3,4)
21 Beast retiring with a broken toe (6)
23 Game bird (9)
25 Criminal may be 21 down (5)
26 Is among those left to fight (6)
27 Fixed the score to suit the players (8)
28 Staff taken in by salary – it's a travesty (6)
29 One to perform afterwards for a devoted fan (8)

DOWN

1 Dead man's chest (6)
2 In parts coastline is rocky (9)
3 Bike was blue (5)
4 Goes back after being fired (7)
6 Wild-eyed satyr of most recent history (9)
7 Factor eliminated by direct dealing (5)
8 Centuries old political divisions (8)
11 A good man elevated to king and emperor (4)
15 At chess I'd moved and switched (9)
17 At length I made good – at the eleventh hour? (4,5)
18 Aircraft base advertises tour (8)
20 Be overthrown – that's bad (4)
21 Brightened up when found not guilty (7)
22 Editorial boss (6)
24 Does he keep to the beaten track? (5)
25 Too delicate to use loud abuse (5)

SOLUTION 13,856

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on December 17