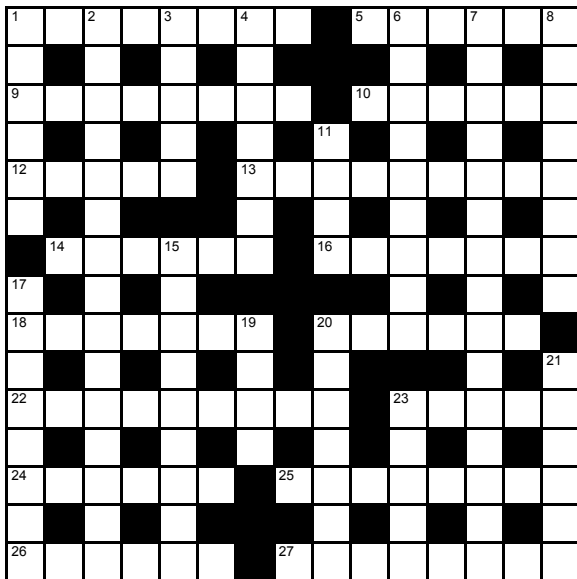


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,573 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 29, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,573 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Friday December 31.

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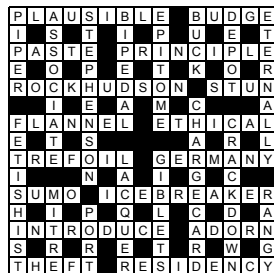
- 1 It's very easy to upset (8)
- 5 Floods in spring set to return (6)
- 9 Dancer, for example, in team of eight (8)
- 10 Position Crux occupies as a swimmer (6)
- 12 Duke, playboy, and world traveller (5)
- 13 She would choose best butter, no doubt (5,4)
- 14 Also a balloon (2,4)
- 16 Gift for the poor – a welcome gesture (7)
- 18 Bend in any direction? The very opposite! (7)
- 20 Superior channel swimmer loses heart (6)
- 22 Pilots may be badly let down by it (3,6)
- 23 Not quite a colour match (5)
- 24 Flight pioneer from the Arctic – a Russian (6)
- 25 Not laid down by Article V, possibly (8)
- 26 Sporting side appearing in Mexico (6)
- 27 State of 18 in which many may suffer suspension (5,3)

DOWN

- 1 Ostentation is forbidden in 17 (6)
- 2 A constant wind is present throughout this flight (6,9)
- 3 Veteran soldier keeps in hiding (5)

- 4 Non-7 sort of triangle with one side too many! (7)
- 6 Incurable optimist needs only a place to work out (9)
- 7 Motoring article possibly about angular functions (15)
- 8 Pete's act is painful to watch (8)
- 11 Progress slowly like leaderless bird (4)
- 15 Rules once negotiated for the pound (9)
- 17 Soldier dies at sea, hoping for this perhaps (8)
- 19 Fine given to the old is a burden (4)
- 20 Flower girl restricts the supply (7)
- 21 Mature male first changes sex, paradoxically (6)
- 23 Dusty room, a dry one, and cold (5)

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