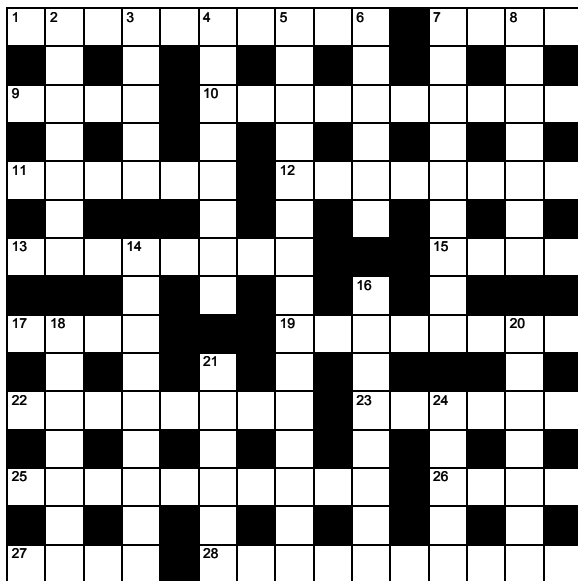


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,629 Set by FALCON



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 March 9, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,629 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 14.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 Crazy American on The Strand in an open car (5,5)
- 7 Hence appearing in Mother Goose (4)
- 9 Accomplished English poet, reportedly (4)
- 10 NT book, English version, acquired by member of the family (10)
- 11 Relish best left close to plate (6)
- 12 Robot men reassembled with brass instrument (8)
- 13 Vulnerable at home? Then see about vicious dog (8)
- 15 I spot game (1-3)
- 17 See 19
- 19, 17 Song in the gay jazzy musical (8,4)
- 22 Words of praise for how a steak may have been cooked (4,4)
- 23 Son to ring back about current trees (6)
- 25 Sounds like maximum increase in production of a resinous substance (7,3)
- 26 *Casablanca's* Ms Lund, some devil's advocate (4)
- 27 Elderly French artist almost returned (4)
- 28 Egyptian king, stupid losing head, vassal reported back (10)

DOWN

- 2 Eastern nation worried public schoolboy (7)

- 3 Examine a pattern of squares (5)
- 4 French port wine (8)
- 5 Let the cat out of the bag, so resign? (4,3,4,4)
- 6 Cowardly one may if struck (6)
- 7 Found stable groomed one's horses only initially (9)
- 8 Adult class includes heartless woman (5-2)
- 14 Sequacious aide yells out (6,3)
- 16 Vigorous daily sex may result in a form of blindness (8)
- 18 Exaggerate to excess about, for example, onset of gout (4-3)
- 20 Coin is a counterfeit from a Mediterranean city (7)
- 21 Carried round Pacific island (6)
- 24 One's landed in Scotland (5)

SOLUTION 13,617



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 12