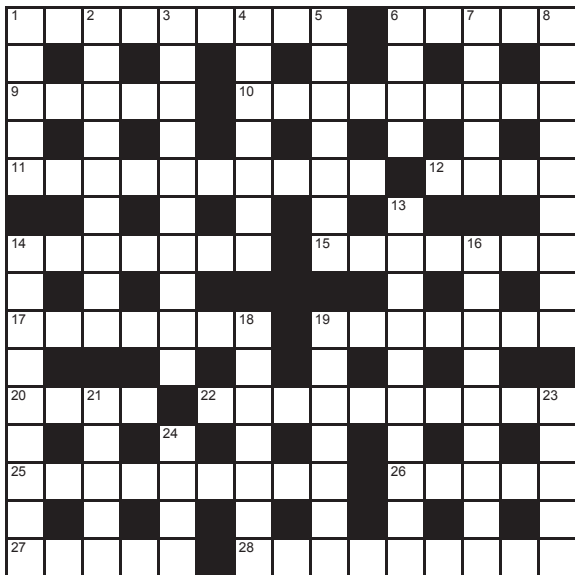


CROSSWORD

No. 13,874 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 Monday December 19 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,874 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Tuesday December 27.

NAME.....
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ACROSS

- 1 Escapes (legally!) using gaps in wall (9)
- 6 Kind of pollution one gets in respiratory tract (5)
- 9 Scholar, turncoat and murdered radical (5)
- 10 A farthing on Victorian transport? (4,5)
- 11 MPs' second homes, perhaps (4,6)
- 12 Lord Peter sacrificed what, ultimately? (4)
- 14 Misread, tragically, what a lover does (7)
- 15 Old sailor, one about to get cross (7)
- 17 Rolled metal, useless for fencing (7)
- 19 Fire risks in evidence at Henley regatta? (7)
- 20 Bird that was once British (4)
- 22 A morris-dancer's obsession (5,5)
- 25 Junior soldiers in command – don't believe them! (9)
- 26 University guru finds employment (5)
- 27 Lone arsonist gets closer inside (5)
- 28 Nurse, in dire need, organised petition (9)

DOWN

- 1 It goes under short leg, say, for a boundary (5)
- 2 They rarely row with the opposite sex (9)
- 3 See red, if her tooth should come out (3,3,4)
- 4 A party's slaves (7)
- 5 The mysteries of religious teaching in schools (7)

- 6 Four points given for intelligence (4)
- 7 Anger conceals extremes of emotion for her (5)
- 8 They blow up king and generals in a revolution (9)
- 13 Book depressing accommodation (5,5)
- 14 The PM for a No Ten revolution (9)
- 16 Whisky, for example, from NE Britain (9)
- 18 Like a cat pedigree, including one variety (7)
- 19 Mind what you do when parents are out (7)
- 21 Popular support up country (5)
- 23 Englishmen take note, get rid of faults (5)
- 24 A goddess of Erin? Not quite (4)

SOLUTION 13,862

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on December 24