MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 14,171 Set by DANTE

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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 5 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,171 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday December 10.

ACROSS

(3-2-3-2)

1 Robin needs spectacles - bad luck! (6)

reason to do this? (3.5) 10 Notice goes to workers accepting

4 Meet fine, attractive lady - giving

project for military assistants (9) 11 Automatic right to go on toboggan

12 They are outnumbered in play (4)

13 A pet gun-dog involved in drive

16 Prescription for sober man with

19 Joins military formations round

21 Fearful of cut in one's wages (7)

23 Used to support worker (6-4)

after the sheets (9) 29 Garment one may have to fasten

30 Game entangled in nets (6)

1 Setting great store by a spot of

2 Notice job is diversified - protest

25 Gemstone in ring presented to

27 Bend an ear to the muse of poetry 28 Under sail, perhaps, they may look

15 I have innate artlessness (7)

healthy heart (6)

the east (6)

friend (4)

in front (8)

publicity (8)

DOWN

became one (7) 6 It may be broken by colonel

5 Attack by a saint about one who

stumbling round strange bar (10)

7 Did some pressing (5) 8 Fear to make the initial mistake

9 Suddenly expire, having snuffed it? (6)

14 Going for acquittal (7,3)

17 Omission that may be taken as an offence (9) 18 They'll get nowhere unless they

push themselves forward (8)

20 Student starts singing choral arrangement (7)

21 Enclosure sheep is held in (4-2) 22 Successfully retired (6) 24 A measure of restraint (5)

26 Axe broadcast commercials (4)

SOLUTION 14.159 UNSAFE CROUPIER

3 One shouldn't lie under it (4)

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on December 8