MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,573 Set by FALCON

ACROSS
9 English extremely negative – stick therefore follows, from time to time (5,3,3,4)
10 Navigator, duke, and playboy (5)
11 Beer off? Flipping poorly on rising (9)
12 Slavery in novel riveted us (9)
14 To put off, in crude terms (5)
15 Magnificent having lots of money in hand (5,5)
16 Sure-fire winner? Cite Cary Grant in broadcast (6,9)
19 Poet sure to receive a first from Trinity (5)
21 Power held by male here, surprisingly short-lived (9)
23 Disturb bats, distraught because of prolonged confinement (4-5)
25 Inn very popular with the Spanish (5)
26 Film magazine awfully vain female's after (3,4,8)

DOWN
1 Corrupt deal, by implication? (4,6)
2 Put right about couple (6)
3 Very excited over one riding Derby winner (8)
4 Take up space in dock (4)
5 London landmark, indistinct during parade (6,4)
6 Confused, a theologian left editor (6)
7 Name murdered snitcher (8)
8 Soon rule Conservative out (4)
13 Incredible lunacy involving Welshman in play? (5,5)
17 What Acker Bilk played may be popular in Bordeaux (8)
18 A jolly cleaner skirting one item of furniture (8)
20 Colas I ordered for party (6)
22 The little auk Hector trained (6)
23 Location shown in news item (4)
24 Period of time – long? short? (4)

SOLUTION 15,561

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 June 21, marked Prize Crossword 15,573 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday June 26.

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