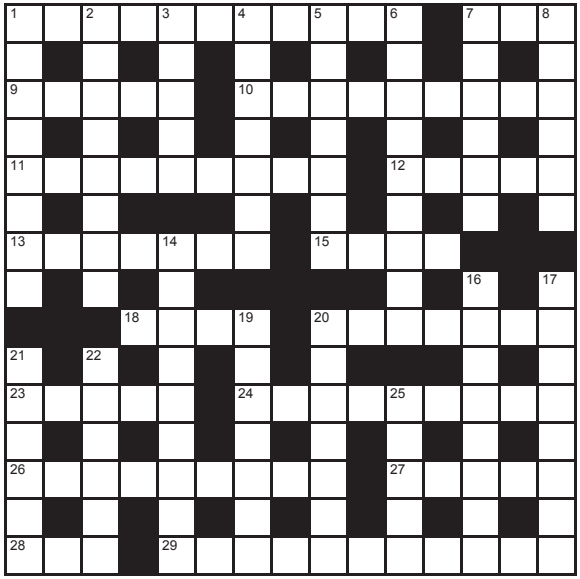
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,113 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 Tuesday December 22, marked Monday Prize Crossword 15,113 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 4.

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ACROSS

1 Number in china tea set, cracked? (11)
7 Dwarf in novel: *Frankenstein* (3)
9 Boy and girl about to (5)
10 Loner, "Scud", rotten blighter (9)
11 Bitter, reportedly make off with knives, etc (4,5)
12 Hooter I installed makes din (5)
13 Representative put in new suite as motivation (7)
15 Long tale's thread (4)
18 Ring up over second musical work (4)
20 Also enthralling doctor, LA lottery (7)
23 Some of Hasenclever's expressionist poetry (5)
24 Curious about western women shot outside, killed indiscriminately in large numbers (5,4)
26 Brave trio adrift in craft (9)
27 Start of melodious song, song from *West Side Story* (5)
28 Long period in east, working (3)
29 Article on fielder in film (3,5,3)

DOWN

1 Not regulated by law in China, car put together wrongly (8)
2 Social worker, eastern European, turned up for animal (8)
3 Irish revolutionary from outskirts of Swords? (5)
4, 5 Stole hostelry's unusual piece of mobile furniture (7,7)
6 CD broken by old woman in habit? Odd riddle (9)
7 I grew agitated holding a small insect (6)
8 Fine to change flag (6)
14 Classified in "Post", etc., circulated round about (3-6)
16 Man with groom redesigned motif (8)
17 Key volunteers once elected to carry on (8)
19, 20, 21 My guardian angel's song? (7,2,5,4,2)
22 Yellow head of colourful bird (6)
25 Object reserved, not English (5)

SOLUTION 15,101

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 2.