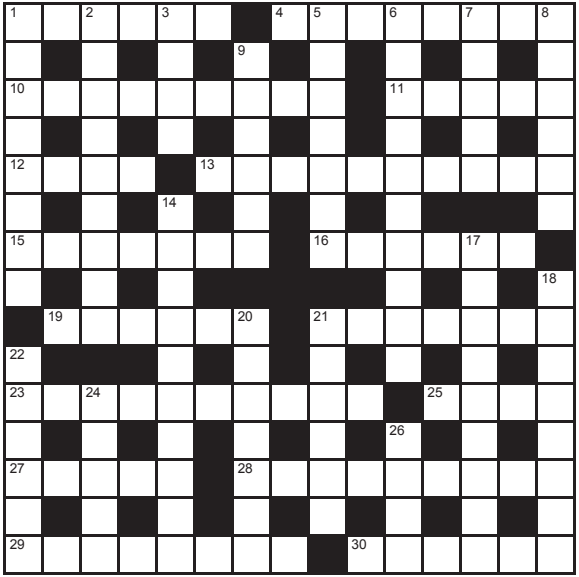
MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,472 Set by MUDD



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 February 22, marked Prize Crossword 15,472 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday February 27.

ACROSS

1 Shake leg that's slipped on rug (6)
4 Brown cat with loose skin, for real (8)
10 Element having unusual name, gas describing neon (9)
11 Dispose of green light for house (5)
12 Screwy fasteners? (4)
13 Number among twelve evenly distributed on ship, floating (10)
15 A shrivelled up concubine? (7)
16 Statement on the left (6)
19 Sound of explosion, a shocker in outskirts of Khartoum (6)
21 Secure passport stamped with initial of evacuee, entering urban area (3,4)
23 Two taps on orange sink, something to go on (7,3)
25 Sound Indian location for shop (4)
27 Condiment from Agra, I take? (5)
28 Neutral island, military seizing power (9)
29 Remove villainous vixen (3-5)
30 Cheers, seeing back of fish in aquaria (6)

DOWN

1 Feminine ambition gripping the country (8)
2 Point of fork stuck up into melon, as bits tucked away? (9)
3 Heavy metal front man? (4)
5 One retaliating, losing rag even? (7)
6 Fit on heads of Boy Scouts, hat that's sweet (10)
7 Head cold in skull, perhaps? (5)
8 Self-seeker, say, is found in the Bible (6)
9 Classes in Shakespeare neglected, upset (6)
14 Unknown quantity buried by labrador after chewing on end of bone that's sharp (5,5)
17 Sheridan plays about old African once (9)
18 Group of islands offering rival deal in uprising (8)
20 Drink, having little eating skill (7)
21 Company relocating to Peru (6)
22 Many notches (6)
24 A story about a formation of flying geese is quick (5)
26 Bend to cut top from tree (4)

SOLUTION 15,460

The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on February 25