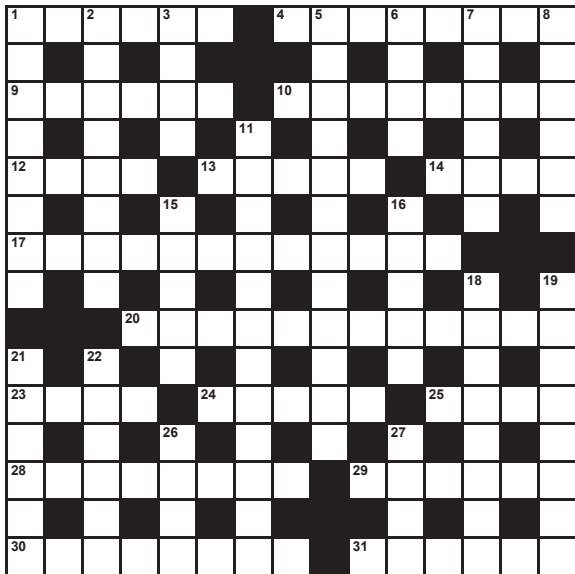


# MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,507 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 Wednesday January 8, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,507 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 13.

## ACROSS

- 1 Almost lose sight of mischievous spirit (6)
- 4 Pre-war competition? (4,4)
- 9 Man's best friend, maybe, created this! (6)
- 10 Attempt is first of thousands for Montaigne, say (8)
- 12 Garden shed enthusiasts have the prototype (4)
- 13 Faithful argue endlessly in cathedral city (5)
- 14 Colour can, with time (4)
- 17 Easy passage for a camel, apparently (3,2,1,6)
- 20 Where steeplechasers go, sooner or later (2,3,4,3)
- 23 Oral taken in college (4)
- 24 Does highest in pecking order rule it? (5)
- 25 What some doctors do in return for little drinks (4)
- 28 Little chap reportedly mad to join in (8)
- 29 After fifty I offer love . . . and lust! (6)
- 31 A brother's dated plays appear on stage (5,3,6)

## DOWN

- 1 It may well be read below stairs (3,5)
- 2 Like the toast that's mostly spoken (8)
- 3 Matter brought up in arithmetic (4)
- 5 Record of ex-officers, the retiring sort, it seems (8,4)

- 6 Such a night leads to serious trouble – and gaol! (4)
- 7 Sharp spies about to ensnare detectives (6)
- 8 Being like a bird in east New York (6)
- 11 Shine, bilingually (6,6)
- 15, 26 Men in food riot are united (2,3,4)
- 16 Girl donating heart and liver, for example (5)
- 18 Black Prince turns out smarter (8)
- 19 Blotches skins develop, injecting drug (8)
- 21 Authorise advice for hair treatment (6)
- 22 Jump like a big cat, under pressure (6)
- 26 See 15
- 27 Pocket item, one with rotating ball, appropriately (4)

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 11