ACROSS
1 Article about that is very appropriate (6) 4 Public building due to be consecrated (8) 9 Regret past evil or heartless present, perhaps (6) 10 Relatives who join a religious order (8) 12 This can provide an image that includes love – for oneself? (8) 13 Time for some horse-play? (6) 15 Classical author I’d nothing against at first (4) 16 Fortune, pounds, gold – all go into his purse (10) 19 The mating game (5,5) 20 Support pair going to work (4) 23 Dan and Ena ramble about S. American mountain range (6) 25 In boom he reacts with exuberant friendliness (8) 27 Assume control and show one around (4,4) 28 Examine a name written in coloured pencil (6) 29 One involved with erratic standards (8) 30 Are in debt, but managed to bring up the children (6)

DOWN
1 Naval weapon or depot at sea (7) 2 One’s seen in better make up (9) 3 Old German destroyer still active today (6) 5 Port area (4)

SOLUTION 15,705

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 6, marked Prize Crossword 15,717 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday December 11.

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