

Harvard Puzzle "Gift"

Parentheses around a clue mean that a letter must be omitted from the answer before it will fit in the grid. Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answers. An asterisk * indicates a capitalized word, and a raised ^a an acronym.

Across

1. (A fadeout bedeviled a religious ritual) (4-2-2)
2. (Chicken, e.g., doesn't have a list) (6)
3. 100 or 0 remaining for headband (7)
4. Gay parent dancing in display (9)
5. (Hybrid lemur's a freak without a tail) (4)
6. Life force is in part supra natural (5)
7. Mark's yearning for salad greens (5)
8. Warning of a large weapon (5)
9. (Woman with a real money unit) (6)
10. Runner's morning coat (4)
11. **Mystery entry* (7)
12. ^a*Mystery entry* (4)
13. (Hash or seasoning containing heroin) (5)
14. Uncle in ire replaces nephew in drill (5)
15. (Small lorry will get hit) (6)
16. (Name for priest in idle speech or talk) (6)
17. Sextet of mugwort hybrids having merit (6)
18. Let out unrestricted to eat (4)
19. Subtle about it's being limited (6)
20. Desiring at heart to come back a rainbow (4)
21. (Crazy about giddy girl holding ring and flower) (8)
22. Satisfactory stroke (3)
23. (Troy fumed, ready at last for drama) (7)

Down

1. Field of lava containing rhenium (4)
2. (Loud noise made by clumsy porter) (6)
3. Bird out flying before lockup (6)
4. Proceed purposefully to spoil child (5)
5. (Bustling neat old southern city) (7)
6. Dark Dutch hit (5)
7. (Significance of officer in riot getting injured) (6)
8. Spot spy (4)
9. (Scared of a loud attack) (6)
10. *Televangelist Roberts is somewhat demoralized (4)
11. Glut of eggs at Easter (4)
12. (Rogation intoxicated some) (6)
13. A piece of cloth initially covered oaf (5)
14. Earl contests returned prize (6)
15. In terrible danger, get Henry (not Rod) executed (6)
16. Trading center trolley is backed up (4)
17. Look around ship of smaller size (6)
18. (Signal forward to stay behind) (4)
19. Presiding officer keeps running with a Republican (7)
20. Wipe tar off listening device (7)
21. (A lion is improbable as a go-between) (7)
22. (Madge or I will play in character) (8)
23. (Spare and miserly about runs) (7)