

Harvard Puzzle #2

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

Across

1. (Suit about bad guy causing a sequence of events) (7)
2. Toddler's diseased innards gave out (5)
3. (Bury him, all but the head, for a temporary period) (7)
4. Vacuous loony lacking one iota of sense (5)
5. Spot for a breakwater (4)
6. Carnivore's unusually active after decapitation (5)
7. *US cultural materials include a "bizarre crime" collection (9)
8. Mobile armor covers tail of whale fish (6)
9. Alien's cooking is briny (6)
10. (Southeastern equivalent of plant with flavorful seeds) (6)
11. *Mystery entry* (7)
12. Jam of pickled capers (6)
13. Function of frass in ecdysis (4)
14. Say, in French, "urgent" (4)
15. Penny leaves powder for Mark to make fruit juice (4)
16. Uganda involved in refurbishing of free shelter (6)
17. (State of slavery) (4)
18. Put peg in sofa (6)
19. (One inclined to embrace Republican scholar) (7)
20. Ulster's outrageous noises (7)
21. *(Dad's gone crazy for bird man) (8)
22. *Oversensitive about Gaelic (4)

Down

1. (Fabrication of sound by royal academician) (7)
2. Rise in worker earnings (4)
3. Comprehensive survey of gold held by a Central American country (8)
4. Fellows encountering one threat (6)
5. Counsel is plainly covering up a speech defect (4)
6. Untarnished silver taken out of bag (4)
7. Skin from hip area (4)
8. Stroke troubles suddenly start (6)
9. Spoke about Charlie being extreme (7)
10. (Odd story about eastern shellfish) (6)
11. *Large minivan carrying twins (6)
12. Central elements of fortune involved in struggle for moral excellence (6)
13. Singer has new sofa (5)
14. *(Impressionist music begins with false note) (5)
15. Homesteader cut noose with tip of saber (6)
16. (Take a second to get loose) (4)
17. Celebrate fortune in speech (4)
18. Up-to-the-minute news: battle's renewed after leader's removed (6)
19. Contest of the French and the Spanish (4)
20. Men are playing tag again (6)
21. (Less gin distilled for unmarried people) (7)
22. Trade mostly with the common people (5)
23. Copy, edit, erase, and fold (6)