

Puzzle "Dean III"

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, and an asterisk * indicates a capitalized word.

Across

1. **Mystery entry* (6)
2. (Flowing dance has this Parisian beat) (7)
3. Leaden talk about D, for instance (6)
4. Starch stiffening originated in the past (4)
5. Having grooves cut started around one (8)
6. *CO county mined lodes containing gold (7)
7. Egypt in appeal for transition (5)
8. Left single and solitary (4)
9. Two ladies participating in feast will get killed (6)
10. *(City of Ignorance) (4)
11. *(Chess player gives up shilling for basketball player) (5)
12. (Cat gets nothing for one bird) (4)
13. Retrograde virgin starting to break out (5)
14. Dad grabs hold of rabbi for support (4)
15. Henry's out of work, in essence (4)
16. Child with a large sum (5)
17. *Our leader has zero degrees (5)
18. Jacket or robe loosely covering naked doll (6)
19. *Author's stories beginning to earn (6)
20. (Insignificance of good looks lacking glamour finally) (9)
21. Left pinhead in narrow opening (5)
22. (Extent of fury about end of compensation) (5)
23. **Mystery entry* (7)

Down

1. (Tones are altered in sound) (8)
2. Gavotte, traditionally, would include a group of four (6)
3. Journey of biker traveling west (4)
4. Share a bit of egg taken from wild parakeet (7)
5. Manure fermentation gets direct attention (5)
6. Lion raging for a piece of meat (4)
7. *(Denies changing name) (6)
8. Source of resistance also coming up (4)
9. Amnesty includes a place of refuge (4)
10. (Inclined to run after a second) (6)
11. Nabob, as king, has to relax (4)
12. Execrate speed without safety (4)
13. Someone living in a particular area ranging all around old city (5)
14. Deal involving hard, fissile rock (5)
15. Men go crazy with error in a set of chromosomes (6)
16. Foam starts to undermine deck inside ship (4)
17. Something that doesn't work at first exasperates a fellow (4)
18. Cover a speaker to muffle harsh sound (4)
19. Chief trades land for rare book (6)
20. Revolutionary dance captivates band leader (5)
21. *Republic has one unlikely goal (6)
22. (Quixotic uncle distorted a point) (7)
23. Mark's money (5)
24. (Mush smeared on plate) (7)