

Solution to Harvard Puzzle "Gift"

A	U	T	O	D	A	E	R	S	T	E
R	C	O	R	O	N	E	T	P	A	G
E	A	N	T	R	Y	M	L	E	P	R
A	N	A	M	A	C	H	E	A	L	A
R	M	D	O	L	L	A	S	K	I	M
P	A	U	L	S	O	N	S	E	A	S
O	R	S	E	A	U	G	E	R	S	T
R	C	K	A	T	T	E	R	W	O	R
T	H	Y	F	E	E	D	F	I	N	I
T	E	I	R	I	S	M	A	R	I	G
O	L	P	A	T	T	A	G	E	D	Y

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
FOUR HUNDRED MILLION

Across

- AUTO-DA-(F)E
- R(O)STER
- CORONET
- PAGEANTRY
- M(U)LE
- PRANA
- MACHE
- ALARM
- DOLLA(R)
- SKIM
- PAULSON*
- SEAS^a
- (H)ORSE
- AUGER
- STR(U)CK
- (N)ATTER
- WORTHY
- FEED
- FINITE
- IRIS
- MARIGOL(D)
- PAT
- T(R)AGEDY

Down

- AREA
- R(E)PORT
- TOUCAN
- MARCH
- (D)ELTONA
- DUSKY
- I(M)PORT
- MOLE
- AFRA(I)D
- ORAL
- SATE
- (L)ITANY
- CLOUT
- ESTEEM
- HANGED
- MART
- LESSER
- F(L)AG
- SPEAKER
- WIRETAP
- LIA(I)SON
- IDE(O)GRAM
- STRI(N)GY

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.

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