Solution to Harvard Puzzle "Gift"

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell

**FOUR HUNDRED MILLION**

**Across**

1. AUTO-DA-(F)E
2. R(O)STER
3. CORONET
4. PAGEANTRY
5. M(U)LE
6. PRANA
7. MACHE
8. ALARM
9. DOLLA(R)
10. SKIM
11. PAULSON*
12. SEAS
13. (H)ORSE
14. AUGER
15. STR(U)CK
16. (N)ATTER
17. WORTHY
18. FEED
19. FINITE
20. IRIS
21. MARIGOL(D)
22. PAT
23. T(R)AGEDY

**Down**

1. AREA
2. R(E)PORT
3. TOUCAN
4. MARCH
5. (D)ELTONA
6. DUSKY
7. I(M)PORT
8. MOLE
9. AFRA(I)D
10. ORAL
11. SATE
12. (L)ITANY
13. CLOUT
14. ESTEEM
15. HANGED
16. MART
17. LESSER
18. F(L)AG
19. SPEAKER
20. WIRETAP
21. LIA(I)SON
22. IDE(O)GRAM
23. STRI(N)GY

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.

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