Puzzle #101 — October 2009 "Cardiogram"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to seven letters, four are capitalized, and one consists of two words) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Four entries share a common symbol that replaces the question mark in the grid's central square. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

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Across

- 1. Go around glib at heart and stubborn
- 2. First to get copied was open-mouthed
- 3. Traveler's hail and farewell
- 4. Simple box finished with bronze
- 5. Mental image of hideaway
- 6. Council's vote is altered
- 7. French illustrator is in Ireland or England
- 8. Italian sun fish
- 9. Author Kennedy gave out
- 10. A virulent Maine disease
- 11. Place of action observed in report
- 12. Sugary stew laced with last of wine
- 13. Stir broth, beat vigorously
- 14. Cut up head of cabbage in store
- 15. Britain's premier tenor mistaken for an English author
- 16. Pollen bearing part of fragrant herb
- 17. Mark's misfortune, losing ID
- 18. Blindly seek end of long cord
- 19. Deirdre, without right, is berated for scorn
- 20. Eastern Mediterranean country broadcasts to the west around start of year
- 21. Gawked and began losing time
- 22. Papa has fortune and courage
- 23. Charlie leaves ingenious device for lifting

Down

- 1. Crazy god's brightly colored kerchief
- 2. Couple tangle with energy
- 3. Art dealer's Dutch venue challenged
- 4. Earns about \$1000 for travels
- 5. Feel inclined to start paying rent
- 6. Record of forbidden trysts
- 7. Girl is so meticulous keeping limber
- 8. Refrain from wasting hours after conference starts
- 9. Courtly cops taking time for civic leadership
- 10. Heroic aspect of battle pictures
- 11. For starters, Helen and Vida eat apples; take one
- 12. Bill claims right to rest briefly
- 13. Filth, endless and implacable
- 14. Nostradamus's instrument
- 15. Around end of April, get full lineup
- 16. Sound made by writer holding top of harp
- 17. Fence temporarily traps a group of badgers
- 18. Salesman's spiel takes new form
- 19. Start to cook, then greedily eat chicken
- 20. Strange need to signal
- 21. Fired with rage
- 22. Radio details about semiconductor
- 23. Franklin and the German in a drinking spree